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[BY THE RT. HON. T. D. O'CONNOR, M.P.]

In Sam Storey, as he was universally known, there has disappeared from public life, and especially from the public life of the North of England, a very forcible and a very picturesque figure. He was typically a Tyneside man in appearance as well as in character. He was emphatically a "noticeable" man wherever he was seen. The tall, alert frame, the long beard, the fine head, the large eyes, slightly protuberant, beautiful in shape, lustrous, lightish grey-blue, kindly, defiant, and searching, all made up a very striking personality. And the spirit was like its physical clothing. It was ardent, even defiant, audacious, restless, ambitious, energetic.

Like Robert Cameron, that other great Sunderland figure, which passed from a division in a bath-chair to the coffin, Sam Storey began life as a schoolmaster. There perhaps remained to his dying day something of the pedagogic spirit in him. His speeches were, perhaps, more didactic and even dictatorial rather than persuasive. For this reason his success was unequal in the different phases of life through which he passed. In the House of Commons he never made anything like a real mark; now and then he failed to the extent of provoking such a violent outburst of dissent as to destroy his effectiveness. When he was still a vehement and Progressive Radical he once spoke of the "smug" faces of his Unionist opponents on the opposite side of the House. The phrase was resented, there was an outburst of protest, and for a long time Storey was unable to get an attentive hearing. On the other hand, when he occupied a position of authority in a gathering of men—in other words, when he was once more the master of school—he was a great and potent figure. As Mayor of Sunderland, as chairman of the Durham County Council, he was in his true place. He got things done. Capable now and then of persuasiveness, very subtle, and a master of the arts of influencing men, he pushed his policy quietly and easily, but usually because he spoke out with almost fierce earnestness, and because he added to the effectiveness of his language by his impressive appearance.

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He was in a sense what the French call an "arriviste." The prosperity of his life and the comparative failure of his career in the bigger arena of Parliament are explained by that fact. Beginning in the modest occupation of schoolmaster, he soon mounted rapidly to become the proprietor of several prosperous newspapers. He was interested in many great and lucrative enterprises, he was able to have his country retreat in beautiful surroundings, and he is believed to have left a considerable fortune.

His rise in journalism is associated with one of the curious, though now forgotten, chapters in British newspaper life. Andrew Carnegie went through an epoch when he had the ambition to influence profoundly the politics of Great Britain as well as those of America; some friends approached him—mainly Mr. Storey—and made the suggestion that he should take an interest in a number of newspapers. These newspapers were scattered up and down the country, were languid and poor, and in this way it was hoped that there would be a powerful chain of organs of opinion, speaking with the same voice to very different and widely-scattered audiences, and thus exercising powerful effect upon public opinion throughout the country. The scheme seemed as practicable as it was grandiose, but it broke down in the mutual jealousies of the members of the syndicate, and Mr. Carnegie was glad to withdraw, leaving, however, to his former associates their shares in the different enterprises, and Storey retained a considerable interest in the Northern papers, and also in one at Portsmouth, and concentrated on his papers in Sunderland.

Always somewhat independent in his views, he differed from Mr. Gladstone during the ferocious struggle between the great Liberal leaders and the young Parnellite party when the Land League and the Government came into collision, and Storey went the length even of presiding over meetings at which Irish leaders denounced the Coercion measures which Mr. Gladstone's Ministry had felt themselves forced to introduce. In 1891 Mr. Storey was returned to Parliament for the first time, and he immediately proceeded to carry out the same independent policy in the House on the Irish question that he had already proclaimed on the platforms of Sunderland. He joined Parnell in all the motions and prolonged and obstructive debates through which the Coercion Bill had to plough its way. At one of the last stages, when, under the new Rules of the House, the Speaker was entitled to ask the small minority who opposed a bill to rise in their places, and thereby to demonstrate that there was no necessity for the loss of time involved by a division—always a lengthy operation—Mr. Storey was one of the seven Radicals who stood up; the late Joseph Cowell was also a Tyneside Radical, was a second, another was Mr. Thompson, an eccentric, wealthy, and scholastic Radical from Durham City; and, curiously enough, in view of his future developments, Mr. Jesse Collins was a fourth of this small band.

TARIFF REFORMER.

Thus Mr. Storey became one of the few Liberals who were high in the favour of the Parnellites, and for years he was looked upon as among the foremost of the little band of irreconcilable Radicals who could always be counted on to embarrass a Government, Liberal or Tory.

If he had had the same powers of Parliamentary as of municipal leadership, he might well have become the chief of a group, or have forced his admission to the Ministry. Again the defects of his character stood in his path—chiefly a certain waywardness and a suggestion of playing for his own hand, which were always likely to deflect him from the straight path of party and of consistent action; and he remained more or less a detached figure. Once, too, he fought even with his Irish allies by denouncing the Plan of Campaign; and that formidable section looked on him with distrust ever afterwards, and were no longer available to him as a Parliamentary group which might help on his fortunes.

There then came to Mr. Storey that disastrous state of a Parliamentary soul which whispers the word failure and makes the drudgery, rather than the prizes, of Parliamentary life conspicuous. Mr. Storey allowed himself to lapse into a mood of despondency, and self-distrust followed on the despondency, which has Storey went down the way. He often been trodden by disappointed men in the House before and since. He confined himself to faithful attendance; he hesitated to make any demand on the attention of the House; and he logged the activities of his northern home, his City Council and his County Council. In 1906, after fourteen years of Parliamentary life, he left the House of Commons, and it looked as if the farewell was for ever.

NEW POLITICAL INCARNATION.

But more than a decade afterwards there was a new political incarnation for the sturdy and self-confident old Radical. The world of politics was almost aghast when it became known that this irreconcilable Radical, who had fought every Unionist with relentless vigour for more than a generation, had accepted the gospel of Tariff Reform, which Mr. Joseph Chamberlain had just begun to preach. For a time Mr. Storey insisted that Tariff Reform was not a political but an economic question, and declared that he intended to retain his Radical convictions and his place in the Radical ranks. To this view he remained constant. In the inner councils of the Tariff Reformers, he continued to insist that the question should always be considered on its economic and not on its political side. But, of course, it became in public life an impossible position, and Mr. Storey found himself denounced by his old friends, and gradually excluded from their ranks. He was fortunate enough to belong to the Devonshire Club, which, founded by the Reform Club, continued to be hospitable in its membership, and kept within its walls men of widely divergent opinions. In 1910 Mr. Storey attempted to return to the House of Commons. He stood as an Independent Liberal Tariff Reformer, and he retained enough of his old following in Sunderland to be again elected.

When he got back to the House of Commons he soon found it even less to his taste than it had been in his earlier days. He was in the difficult position of one who was not wholly in sympathy with either of the great parties, and for good or evil the House of Commons has no place for men who are not definitely and wholeheartedly with one or other of the great parties. By this time Mr. Storey, after a strenuous life, had also become less keen than he had been in his parliamentary youth; he found himself a more forlorn figure than ever, wandered with somewhat ghostlike and eerie and languid step around the well-known corridors, estranged from old friends and not quite in sympathy with the new. One year was quite sufficient for such an experience, and when the second General Election followed, in December of the same year, Mr. Storey did not stand again. He had finally wiped the dust of Westminster from his feet.

He was, however, something of a philosopher, and he had many pursuits which appealed to him. He was especially fond of fishing, and near his country house he found abundant opportunities for indulgence in his favourite amusement. More and more, as time went on, he gave fond of the peace and isolation of his country home. He was not often seen in Sunderland, and still less frequently in London. In short, he found tranquillity after much contest, and quietude after much disturbance in the earlier activities and conflicts of his life. And now, with such a soft sunset after a blazing morn, he has slipped almost unnoticed out of the arenas in which he was once a tumultuous and conspicuous figure.—The Daily Telegraph.

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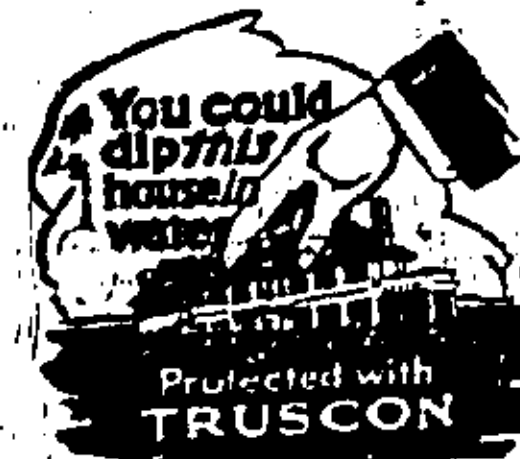
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COMPANY REPORTS.

CHINA SUGAR REFINING CO., LTD.

The accounts of the China Sugar Refining Co., Ltd., for the year ended December 31st, 1924, have been closed, and after deducting the balance brought forward from the previous account, show a net loss of \$1,732,138.29.

YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LTD.

The Hongkong Branch of the Yokohama Specie Bank is in receipt of a cablegram from the Head Office to the effect that the financial statement presented at the half-yearly meeting of shareholders held at the Head Office of this Bank at Yokohama on the 10th inst. shows a net profit of Y.14,417,932.77, including Y.3,588,833.60, brought over from the last account. It was resolved to pay a dividend of 12 per cent. per annum (absorbing Y.6,000,000) for the half year ended the 31st December, 1924; to add to the reserve fund Y.3,000,000 and to carry forward the sum of Y.5,417,932.77 to the next account.

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The report of the General Managers for the year ended 31st October, 1924, states:

Gentlemen.—We beg to lay before you a statement of the Company's business with a balance sheet for the year ended the 31st October, 1924.

The net profit of the Company for the year under review, after providing for all bad and doubtful debts and allowing for depreciation of aerated water and other machinery and plant, furniture fittings, trade utensils, launches, motor lorries, motor-car, etc., amounts to \$238,304.39. To which has to be added the balance brought forward from last year \$8,358.97.

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Pay to seed project fund 7,500.00.
Pay to Chinese staff superannuation fund 7,500.00.
And carry forward to next account 49,723.36.

Board of Directors.—The existing Board of Directors consists of the Hon. Sir C. P. Chater, C.M.G., LL.D., Mr. J. Scott Harston, and Mr. H. P. White, who retire, but being eligible offer themselves for re-election.

Auditors.—The Company's accounts have been audited by Mr. C. Bernard Brown, A.C.A., and Mr. H. Greenwood, A.C.A., who offer themselves for re-election.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers.
Hongkong, March 8th, 1925.

CHINA GRASS.

A SUBSTITUTE FOR FLAX AND COTTON.

The adaptation of China grass as a substitute for flax and cotton is shown in a commercial exhibit of textiles made from it, now on view at Kew Gardens. The plant, says a London paper, is hardy in this country, where it can be made to produce abundant crops. Engineering firms in this country are experimenting with a view to obtaining a desiccating machine that will cheapen extraction of the fibre, and chemists are experimenting for a similar purpose.

CINEMA NOTES.

QUEEN'S THEATRE.

A cast conceded to be one of the greatest of current years appears in support of Johnny Hines in "Sure Fire Flint" now showing at the Queen's Theatre. Included in it are Doris Kenyon, Edmund Brees, Robert Edeson, Effie Shannon, J. Barney Sherry and Charles Gerrard, all of whom hold leading positions in the film world and on the legitimate stage.

CORONET THEATRE.

Showing again at the Coronet Theatre this evening is the great First National film, "The Fighting Blade," a romantic tale of the wars between the Roundheads and the Cavaliers. Cinema-goers who remember "Tobacco David," will require no further warning of the excellence of "The Fighting Blade" when they are told that the leading rôle is filled by Richard Barthelmess as the best duellist in all Europe.

STAR THEATRE.

The great film which drew so many people to the Coronet Theatre a little while ago, "The Covered Wagon," is showing for the last time at the Star Theatre this evening. "The Covered Wagon," besides being well acted, is crowded with exciting incidents, the most picturesque of which are the perilous fording of a great river, the great prairie fire, and the night attack on the settlers' encampment by Red Indians. The great open spaces, deep canyons and dark forests—these represent the background for a story of love and courage and high endeavour that makes the picture an epic tribute to the great spirits of another day.



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THE SHEKEL IN USE AGAIN.

A message from Jerusalem states that the Hebrew and Arabic Currency Commissions decided at a joint meeting held under the presidency of Sir Ronald Storrs, Acting Chief Secretary to the Palestine Government, to name the unit of Palestine currency, the value of which will be equivalent to the pound sterling, the dinar, in both Hebrew and Arabic. The shekel will be the tenth part of the dinar (2s.), and will be known in Arabic as the miskal. The half-shekel or half-miskal will be known by that name respectively.

HOME NEWSPAPER DEAL.

The London Financial News states that the Allied Newspapers, Ltd., which recently acquired Sir Edward Hulton's Manchester newspapers, is now taking over the Newcastle Chronicle group at a cost of £1,750,000. The Allied Newspapers, Ltd., also own the Sunday Times.

£2500,000 ESTATE.

Sir Robert McCracken, K.B.E., Kensington Palace gardens, for many years the representative of Burmah in the London Chamber of Commerce, who died in November, aged 78 years, left estate of the value of £2501,490, with net personalty £221,703.

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OUR LONDON LETTER.

UNIQUE EPISODE IN CANTERBURY
CATHEDRAL.
THE LURE OF THE CROSS-WORD
PUZZLE.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

LONDON, January 26th.

THE CROSS-WORD CRAZE.

The cross-word craze seems to increase its hold every day, until everybody is in danger of succumbing entirely to its innocent fascination. The whole country is ravaged by it, and I hear that English folk on the Continent are also willing victims of the epidemic. As may be supposed, the popular papers are catering splendidly for their readers by printing a cross-word puzzle one day and giving the correct solution the day after. This is living up to the journalistic motto of the late lamented Viscount Northcliffe to "give the public what they want."

Attractive prizes are offered by many of the popular journals. One London daily announces a knock-out competition for prizes ranging from £2,500 for the winner to the prize will not be divided—down to the humble Treasury note value one pound. Another gives a couple of £10 prizes every week, a third, not to be behind, offers £200 for a series of solutions. Even our sedate friend *The Morning Post* has succumbed to the all-prevailing craze, and offers a money prize for solutions. This almost takes one's breath away—as if one were to see a venerable old duchess trying to dance the fox-trot.

One effect of the cross-word delirium is that there has been a run on dictionaries. All the publishers in London having sold out their stocks are issuing reprints, and cannot get the copies fast enough from the printers. The second-hand shops in Charing Cross Road were sold out of dictionaries and other books of reference long ago. I hear it said that one effect of the craze will be to teach people more than they ever knew before—or were ever likely to know—about the wealth of the English language, and the meaning of words.

ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL.

I went into St. Paul's Cathedral a few days ago to have a look at the scaffolding round the great piers which carry the mighty dome. The scaffolding has been in position for a long time, since the Dean and Chapter commenced the work of strengthening the piers by pouring liquid cement into them under enormous pressure. The effect of the forest of poles and timber is to give a strong impression, as by an object-lesson, of the danger which threatens the wonderful masterpiece of architecture. I was not surprised to learn that since the scaffolding was raised the attendance at the daily services has fallen off. Women are notably absentees. Although there is no immediate danger, when we find the experts are not agreed as to what is wrong ordinary folk may be excused some few qualms.

There is a call for funds to do what ever is necessary to repair St. Paul's. A national appeal was issued by *The Times*, and within a week over £100,000 has been subscribed. But if what some of the great, wise, and eminent authorities on church architecture say is correct it is clearly impossible to raise nearly enough money by newspaper subscription list to do what is really needed to save St. Paul's. What is required is Parliamentary sanction for the use of some of the millions in the hands of the City Corporation for the purpose.

The City having proposed to build a bridge across the Thames to come out near the Cathedral, spent nearly a million in purchasing property to carry out the scheme, but as the bridge will never materialise now no better use could be found for the money than to devote it to restoring St. Paul's. The properties already acquired could, it is said, be resold at a profit.

"THE BISHOP OF HAMPSHIRE."

When we have a Non-conformist minister occupying the pulpit of Canterbury Cathedral the fact seems to call for special mention. This was what happened last Sunday when Dr. J. D. Jones, the Congregational Minister of Bournemouth, a well-known personality, preached there by invitation of the Archbishop of Canterbury. Dr. Jones, who has taken a prominent part in the discussions on Christian reunion among the Churches during the past few years, is generally known as the "Bishop of Hampshire." He is in his sixtieth year, and has received all the honours his denomination can bestow upon him.

Last summer Dr. Jones celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of his pastorate at Bournemouth. On that occasion he received tributes to his work from the representatives of all denominations. The Mayor, a Roman Catholic, took part, among others. There was a town's dinner which Mr. Lloyd George described as "a unique occasion in honour of an unique personality." In his sermon from the historic pulpit of Canterbury Cathedral, Dr. Jones said in regard to religious sects and differences that "as a matter of practice men insist on their rights. They talk more of their rights than of their duties. If the world is not at peace today it is because of this false emphasis."

The appearance of a Non-conformist in Canterbury Cathedral to deliver a pulpit message shows that even if no great strides have been made towards the reunion of the Churches something has been done to break down the old barriers and prejudices that have kept Christian men and women apart.

Many people are anticipating with a good deal of interest a lecture which Lord Haldane is to broadcast shortly, on the application of psychology to industry. In regard to this subject attention is

called in one of the papers devoted to the study of psychology, the "Journal of the National Institute of Industrial Psychology," to the fact that in a certain American mill every year a hundred workers had to be taken on to ensure forty being kept employed. The spinners used to work five days in the week for ten hours a day, and it was noticed that nearly every one of them suffered from foot trouble and neuritis, and many of them complained of despondency.

Then an experiment was tried. Two or three rest periods of ten minutes each were introduced, with the result the moral of the workers rapidly improved, and the spinning department actually began to earn a bonus, which had never happened before. Later on during a heavy demand for goods the rest period was abandoned, and the old physical troubles returned. The management again decreed that all hands should rest ten minutes four times a day; and since then the output of the department has steadily risen again. This, I think, will interest everyone who has to deal with factory production, or, generally, the control of hands working under unfavourable conditions.

The Conservative Party organisation is wonderfully alive. The heads of the propaganda department are leaving nothing undone to keep level with the Socialists. I learn that classes for women-speakers are a new development; while children even as young as eight are being schooled in loyalty and patriotism as an offset to the anti-religious disloyalty of Communist Sunday Schools.

Among other developments the formation of study circles in local Conservative associations is being encouraged. The idea is based on the known fact that in politics there is nothing so satisfactory as thinking for oneself and trying to ferret out answers to questions. In connection with the Conservative study circles there will be practically no expense. Outlay is confined to the purchase of the necessary books, and in some cases these can be borrowed from the library of the Party's headquarters at Westminster for a small fee.

It is fairly evident from the foregoing, as well as from many activities in various other directions, that the Conservative Party managers, while well aware that the present Government should enjoy four or five years of office—perhaps even more—are leaving nothing to chance. They are already thinking of the next general election when battle will be joined with the Socialists in grim earnest.

FAMOUS POLITICIAN-PIANIST.

There would appear to be no reason to doubt the success of Mr. Paderewski's "come back" to borrow a term much in use in pugilistic circles. He seems to have made an instantaneous success, and to have lost none of his hold on musicians. The news from Rome is that he has played before the Pope, by special request; and as he has already scored a very popular success in the Italian capital, London admirers of the famous pianist are looking forward to his return to this country.

He is to make only one appearance in London this season. That will be at the Albert Hall, one evening in February, and the King and Queen have signified their intention of being present. It will be a charity concert, the proceeds will be given to Earl Haig's Fund.

Paderewski will also give recitals at Cardiff, Liverpool, Manchester and Glasgow for the same excellent object. We have not heard him in London since 1923, and not for some years before that. His surprising and successful incursion into Polish politics kept him out of music for several years, and as he is now in his sixty-fifth year, it may well be that the Albert Hall recital will be the last opportunity London will have of hearing him.

THE LATE MR. HARRY FURNESS.

It is remarkable how in some instances men, who cut a figure before the public for many years, drop out of sight. This remark applies with force to Harry Furness, the once famous caricaturist of Punch and hosts of other papers and periodicals. Nobody has heard of him for years—since years before the war—and probably few recollected him till a few lines appeared in the papers this week announcing his death at Hastings. Perhaps the reason in his case was that he was not always too careful to avoid wounding acquaintances by means of his peculiar artistic gifts.

Furness was really a gifted man, incomparably a better artist than Sir F. Carruthers Gould, who died only a few days earlier. He invented the enormous collar for Mr. Gladstone which was such a familiar feature of likenesses of the G.O.M. for many years. In late years he drew for the screen and his own production at Hastings, but failed to make money out of the venture. He used to say that the "Ring" was too strong for him, and probably he was right. There are many powerful interests in the film world, and an individual striving for his own hand has a poor chance. Apart from his talents as an artist Harry Furness was, probably the very best storyteller of his time, and his anecdotes about men and things were inexhaustible.—H.B.

BOMBAY RENT LEGISLATION.

The Bombay Government has introduced a new Bill to extend for three years the provisions of the Bombay Rent Act for residential buildings whose standard rent is not above Rs. 85 a month. The statement of objects and reasons shows that while there has been a fall in the rent of residential buildings of higher value there has been little or no fall in the case of buildings of lower value. Though the Rent Act in respect of business premises has already expired the Government do not find it necessary to extend it.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

WEIGHTS FOR HANDICAPS ON
MARCH 21st.OFFICIAL AND UNOFFICIAL
VIEWS.

[BY ARGUS.]

Below will be found the weights allotted by the official handicapper for the Hainton Plate and Lincolnshire Handicap, to be run at Happy Valley, on March 21st at the second extra meeting.

As announced, yesterday, a correspondent favoured me with his idea of the allotment of weights for the Hainton Plate and, in reply to my request, he has now forwarded weights for the Lincolnshire. Both are given below.

It will be noticed that the ideas of the two gentlemen are considerably at variance.

Comment must stand over until tomorrow.

OFFICIAL WEIGHTS.

3rd Race—Hainton Plate—"A" Class

Handicap—Six Furlongs:	
Charcoal	153
Grey Knight	151
Saracen	150
Dictator Dahlia	149
Gypsy Love	148
Loch Rannoch	147
Clover Club	146
King Alfred	145
Blotting Paper	144
Magnificent Dahlia	143
Seattle	142
Prohibition	141
Beauty Dahlia	140
Persian Parrot	139
Rothsay	138
King Emperor	137
Uncle Alf (Primrose L.)	136
Uncle Charlie (Carnation L.)	135
Strathay	134
Gymp	133

2nd Race—Hainton Plate—"B" Class

Handicap—Six Furlongs:	
Baby Eyes	153
Phenomenal Dahlia	152
Strathallan	151
Toomai	150
Fern Leaf	149
Fransfield	148
Rialto Star	147
Valiant	146
Demon Boy	145
Langsat	144
Tadworth	143
King Canute	142
Solly	141
Bayfield	140
Two Pairs	139
Hailsham	138
Uncle Tam	137
New York	136
Uncle Edward	135
Jimmy Lad	134
Parran II	133
Fatsai	132

7th Race—Lincolnshire Handicap—"B" Class—1 1/4 miles.

Baby Eyes	150
Phenomenal Dahlia	149
Beldorrey Star	148
Fransfield	147
Toomai	146
Fern Leaf	145
Duke of Frisco	144
Rialto Star	143
Gaudie	142
Valiant	141
Demon Boy	140
Langsat	139
King Canute	138
Quah	137
Parran II	136
Uncle Tam	135

8th Race—Lincolnshire Handicap—"A" Class—1 1/4 miles.

Grey Morn	155
Charcoal	154
Grey Knight	153
King of the Plains	152
Saracen	151
Dictator Dahlia	150
Gypsy Love	149
Loch Rannoch	148
Prohibition	147
Spotted Sand	146
King of the Castle	145
Clover Club	144
Wimmera	143
King Alfred	142
Curiosity Shop	141
Seattle	140
Beauty Dahlia	139
Rothsay	138
Persian Parrot	137
Uncle Alf	136
Uncle Charlie	135

If the top-weight does not run, all weights will be raised 5 lbs.

MY CORRESPONDENT'S IDEAS.

HAINTON PLATE "B" CLASS—1 MILE.

Weight for Handi-Total	
Inches.	lbs. lbs.
Hailsham	155 + 7 162
King Canute	152 " 7 159
Solly	152 " 6 158
Prohibition	150 " 6 156
Uncle Tam	152 " 5 157
Seattle	152 " 3 155
New York	152 " 3 155
Strathay	152 " 3 155
Uncle Edward	152 " 3 155
Langsat	155 " 0 155
Strathallan	149 + 3 152
Fatsai	152 " 0 152
Two Pairs	155 " 3 162
Demon Boy	152 " 1 151
Tadworth	155 " 5 160
Jimmy Lad	155 " 5 160

(Continued on next Column).

LOCAL SPORT.

LAWN TENNIS.

H.K.C.C. TOURNAMENT.

YESTERDAY'S MATCHES.

The Hongkong Cricket Club lawn tennis tournament was continued yesterday when the results were as follows:—

Open Championship Singles.—T. Yumada beat A. H. Ramjappa, 6-3, 7-9, 6-9, 1-6, 6-3. Ng Sze Chong beat H. S. Lee, 6-2, 6-2, 6-2. H. Yoshida beat H. C. Gould, 6-1, 6-3, 6-0.

Club Championship Singles.—O. C. Womack and Dr. J. Valentine won two sets each. W. Hyde, at Kowloon, beat F. A. Henslowe, 6-0, 6-2, 6-3.

Mixed Doubles.—A. H. Crook and Mrs. H. Bailey (+1-6) beat R. A. Chidson and Miss Birkett (+2-6), 6-4, 6-0.

Handicap Doubles.—P. H. Bonnerman and G. Van Egmond (+2-6) beat J. R. Wood and A. H. Crook (+1-6), 2-6, 6-4, 6-2. G. Miskin and C. Blaker (+3-6) beat A. C. I. Bowker and A. K. McKenzie (+3-6), 6-2, 5-7, 6-2. G. de Man and H. C. Burn (+2-6) beat W. H. Lock and C. M. Vise (+3-6), 6-4, 6-4.

Open Championship Doubles.—M. W. and M. K. Lo beat E. D. Souza and J. M. da Silva, 6-0, 6-2, 6-2.

TO-DAY'S MATCHES.

The following games are down for decision to-day:—

Open Championship Singles.—Yew Man Tsun & Capt. C. T. O'Callaghan; W. E. Crocker & W. H. Chan; T. Edo & E. C. Fincher.

Handicap Singles.—B. W. W. Greene (+1-3) & G. Van Egmond (ser.) Club Championship.—Colonel Russell Brown & L. Forster.

CRICKET.

R.E. DEFEAT E. SURREYS.

A match was played on the Hongkong Cricket Club ground, yesterday, between teams representative of the East Surreys and the Royal Engineers. The game was well contested, the Engineers winning by 21 runs, the full scores being Royal Engineers 142, East Surreys 121. For the Engineers, the chief scorers were Capt. Bridgeland (43) and Col. Butterworth (28), and for the East Surreys, Q.M.S. Stripp (41) and Major Pateman (35).

HAINTON PLATE "A" CLASS.—1 MILE.

Weight for Handi-Total	
Inches.	lbs. lbs.
Charcoal	152 + 8 160
Clover Club	153 " 2 160
Blotting Paper	153 " 4 159
Saracen	153 " 1 159
Fransfield	153 " 1 159
Magnificent Dahlia	153 " 1 159

Phenomenal Dahlia 153 " 1 159

Grey Knight	155 " 3 158
King Emperor	154 " 0 158
Rothsay	155 " 2 157
Fern Leaf	155 " 1 157
King Alfred	152 " 4 156
Loch Rannoch	152 " 1 156
Dictator Dahlia	155 " 1 156
Gypsy Love	152 " 2 154
Uncle Alf (Primrose Leaf)	155 " 1 154
Beauty Dahlia	152 " 1 151
Rayfield	152 " 1 151
Uncle Charlie (Carnation Leaf)	152 " 2 150
Gymp	149 " 0 149
Baby Eyes	149 " 0 149
Persian Parrot	146 " 2 148

LINCOLNSHIRE HANDICAP. A. CLASS.—1 1/4 MILES.

Weight for Handi-Total	
Inches.	lbs. lbs.
Grey Morn	158 + 6 164
Charcoal	155 " 3 158
King of the Castle	158 " 1 157
Fransfield	158 " 1 157
Spotted Sand	158 " 1 156
Clover Club	158 " 2 156
Rothsay	155 " 0 155
Saracen	158 " 3 155
Magnificent Dahlia	158 " 3 155

Phenomenal Dahlia 158 " 3 155

Loch Rannoch	152 " 2 154
King of the Plains	155 " 1 154
Grey Knight	155 " 1 154
Duke of Frisco	158 " 1 153
King Alfred	152 " 3 155
Dictator Dahlia	158 " 6 152
Prohibition	152 " 4 148
Gaudie	152 " 5 147
Rialto Star	152 " 1 145
Persian Parrot	149 " 1 145

LINCOLNSHIRE HANDICAP. B. CLASS.—1 1/4 MILES.

Weight for Handi-Total	
Inches.	lbs. lbs.
Beauty Dahlia	152 + 7 159
Valiant	152 " 7 159
Curiosity Shop	155 " 4 159
Uncle Alf (Primrose Leaf)	155 " 4 159
King Canute	152 " 5 157
Seattle	152 " 4 156
Uncle Charlie (Carnation)	152 " 3 155
Demon Boy	152 " 1 151
Quah	155 " 4 151
Toomai	152 " 2 150
Parran II	155 " 5 150
Langsat	155 " 6 149

* 1925 sub-griffins.

ST. STEPHEN'S BOYS' COLLEGE.

FOUNDERS' DAY SPORTS HELD YESTERDAY.

The St. Stephen's Boys' College Association held their annual Founders' Day Sports yesterday afternoon, the venue being the Chinese Recreation Club's Ground at Causeway Bay, lent for the occasion by the kind permission of the committee. The function proved an unqualified success from every point of view. There was a large gathering, including many prominent Chinese residents.

Sports are arranged each year in commemoration of the founding of the school in 1903 by Archdeacon Barnett, who recently left the Colony, and also with the object of bringing the past and present boys of the College together.

The Committee responsible for the arrangements were as under:—
Sports Committee: Mr. Ng Sze Kwong (Chairman), Mr. Wan Ju Sheng, Mr. Cheung Wing Kue, Mr. Chan Kwan Luen, Mr. Chan Ching Nin.

Official Starter: Rev. E. R. Quick.
Judges: Rev. W. H. Hewitt, Mr. Yung Hin Lun, Mr. H. G. Hughes, Rev. J. L. Shaw, Mr. Chan Kip Nin, Mr. Yung Hin Fan, Rev. E. W. L. Martin, Mr. Chan Wah Shu, Mr. Chan Hin Nin, Mr. A. Ling, Mr. T. J. Price, Mr. Li Kung Hong.

Clerks of Course: Mr. P. S. Sade, Mr. Au Yung Hung, Mr. Lee Hui Tshai, Mr. Yap Chong Hoi.

Official Recorder: Mr. Chan Ching Nin.

Reception Committee: Mr. Chan Tsun Nin, Mr. Lau Kwai Cheuk, Mr. Tang Shiu Kin, Mr. Wan Yik Shing, Mr. Lo Tai Chiu, Mr. Tso Chan On, Mr. Li Hoi Tung, Mr. Li Chor Chi, Mr. Fung Man Sui, Mr. Chan Hin Nin, Mr. Yip Wing Kwok, Mr. Yung Sze Yin.

Tea and Refreshments: Messrs. Chan Tsun Nin, Tang Shiu Kin and Li Hoi Tung.

During the afternoon the band of the 5/2 Punjab Regiment, stationed at Kowloon, under the baton of Mr. E. L. Larter (Musical Director), rendered selections, which added much to the enjoyment.

THE PRIZE WINNERS.

The prize winners in the various events were as under:—
Three Legged Race—50 Yards (one present and one past student): 1. Peter Young and William Young; 2. Yung Hin Lun and Ko Tin Ki.

Boys' Race—50 Yards Handicap (for boys of St. Stephen's Boys' College and visitors under 10 years of age): 1. Chan Wei Sing; 2. Chan Wei Tso; 3. Yin Ho.

Girls' Race—50 Yards Handicap (for girls of St. Stephen's Girls' College and visitors under 10 years of age): 1. Li Lai Hing; 2. Fung Kai Woo; 3. Wong Po Kee.

Wheelbarrow Race—50 Yards (one present and one past student): 1. Chau Kwan Lam and Lung Ting Ngok; 2. Ip Wing Kuk and Lung Ching Wah.

Stall-Holding (Ladies' Nominations): 1. Lai Kwong Wing and Miss Sung Kam Ping; 2. Wong Chi Leung and Miss Wong; 3. Fung Kai Woo (Past). Present, teams of three.—Won by the younger generation.

Blind-fold Race (Ladies' Nominations): 1. Miss Lau and A. Cheung; 2. Mrs. Martin and H. L. Yung.

Sack Bumping: 1. T. J. Price; 2. Yap Chong Hoi.

Obstacle Race (Ladies' Nominations): 1. Chiu Tan San and Miss S. Lau; 2. Peter Young and Mrs. Martin.

Tug-of-War (Past). Present, teams of eight.—Won by the Old Boys by two pulls to nil.

PRESENTATION OF PRIZES.

At the conclusion of the sports, Mrs. Sun presented the prizes to the successful competitors.

Before she did so, Mr. Ng Sze Kwong, who presided, said the idea of holding the sports meeting was to bring the past and present boys of the college together. It was a great pity that, as this was Founders' Day, Archdeacon Barnett, one of the founders was not present, but they had a worthy successor in the Rev. W. H. Hewitt, on whose responsibility they could safely rely for the present and future welfare and success of St. Stephen's College. Speaking on behalf of the sports committee he had been very glad to see so many taking part in the sports that afternoon. He thanked Mrs. Sun for kindly consenting to distribute the prizes. Mrs. Sun was an old student of St. Stephen's Girls' College, and was a sister of Mr. K. C. Lau, one of the past students of St. Stephen's Boys' College. The Chairman then called upon the Rev. Mr. Hewitt to address the gathering.

FEW WORDS NEEDED.

The Rev. W. H. Hewitt said on an occasion like this one did not need to say many words. The opportunity that had been afforded them of meeting together in such a sporting way, as past and present boys, was an indication of what the school might be and a reminder to them of what their school, St. Stephen's College, was. It was not only a place of learning, he hoped it was that, but there was much more in life than mere study. It was getting together in this way that was part of the school life. They felt that the old boys, who had left them, were still members of St. Stephen's. He would like also to add a few words of thanks to Mrs. Sun for coming there to distribute the prizes. He also thanked the Chairman and the Committee for the part they had taken in the function and the donors to the prize fund, and those who had helped to make the event successful.

Mrs. Sun then presented the prizes in accordance with the list of winners above. Afterwards she was presented with a beautiful bouquet of flowers by the Chairman, and the proceedings concluded with three cheers for Mrs. Sun, the College and the Visitors.

SHIPMASTER'S CLAIM.

CHINA NAVIGATION CO. SUEB. DR. AUBREY'S EVIDENCE.

Interesting evidence, medical and otherwise, was heard in the Supreme Court yesterday, when before the Chief Justice (Sir Henry Gollan) the case in which Capt. Robert Kettlewell formerly in the employ of the China Navigation Company, is suing the Company for damages in respect of wrongful dismissal, was continued.

Plaintiff was represented by Mr. F. C. Jenkins, with Mr. Elsie Zeitlyn, while Counsel for the defendant Company was Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C.

When the proceedings were adjourned the previous afternoon, plaintiff was being cross-examined by Mr. Potter, but the cross-examination was speedily brought to a close yesterday morning.

In reply to a subsequent question by Mr. Zeitlyn, plaintiff said that he could not leave the Colony with the stigma of failing eyesight unsettled.

Taken *de bene esse* the evidence of Dr. Bellios, of Shanghai, was read by Mr. Zeitlyn. According to this Dr. Bellios said that in his opinion Mr. Kettlewell, whose eyes he had examined, would be neither a danger to a ship nor to his brother officers. In his opinion, the defect would not increase even if Capt. Kettlewell did not use glasses.

NEAR VISION NORMAL.

The next witness was Dr. G. M. Aubrey, M.D., B.S., M.R.C.S., J.R.C.P., who stated that he made an examination of plaintiff's eyes on June 17th, of the above, and found that his near vision was normal, but at a distance he was a 5th minus one letter, which he was not sure about. He measured Mr. Kettlewell's refraction, and though he did not remember the measurements, he made a comparison with those taken by Dr. Harrison, and they were the same. The correcting glasses as prescribed by Dr. Harrison gave plaintiff the 6th/5th sight, which was the highest sight an ordinary man possessed, and very few people had that. His own sight was 6th/5th, and he was considered to have very good vision.

In the day in question he looked out of his window and could see a telegraph post and the wires leading to it, situated near the Peak Tramway Station. He asked Mr. Kettlewell to look in that direction, and plaintiff said that he saw a telegraph post, but he could not see the wires leading to it. With regard to distance he could not say how far away the telegraph post was; it would need a surveyor—perhaps it was a mile.

Mr. Zeitlyn: How long in your experience does the effect of drops last?—Usually about 48 hours.

Mr. Zeitlyn: Do you know of cases where the effect has lasted longer?—I usually ask my patients to return and see me a week after administering the drops.

Mr. Zeitlyn: Assuming that a person was suffering from the drops, do you think he could pass the test?—No.

Mr. Zeitlyn: His vision would be blurred?—Yes.

Dr. Aubrey went on to give technical explanation of the effect of drops on the eyes, and Mr. Zeitlyn asked: Is myopia an illness?

Mr. Potter objected to this question as put, and Dr. Aubrey proceeded to describe myopia, and said it was a condition of the eye in which parallel light rays did not impinge on the retina, but behind it.

Mr. Zeitlyn: Dr. Bellios has said that were a ship carrying bullion he would have no hesitation in employing Capt. Kettlewell as master. Do you agree with that?

Dr. Aubrey: Yes, I agree with that.

His Lordship: That is hardly evidence. Dr. Aubrey: I would go further than that and say that I would risk my life on his ship.

His Lordship: Now that is what I consider evidence.

A VALUED EMPLOYEE.

Mr. Potter, after cross-examining the last witness, opened the case for the China Navigation Company, and said that his view of the case divided itself into three main points: (1) Was plaintiff wrongfully dismissed; (2) Was plaintiff entitled to six months' leave, and (3) If he were wrongfully dismissed, what was the extent of the damages? There were various types of actions for wrongful dismissal. In some cases they found the employer unfairly endeavouring to get rid of his employee on grounds which could not be justified either morally or legally, and sometimes an employer believed that the employee had done something he ought not to have done, but this was a case in which the employers would only have been too willing and glad to have retained their servant. There was not the slightest suggestion of anything apart from defective eyesight, which they were alleging against plaintiff. As a matter of fact the employers were eager to promote him to a Captaincy, and he need hardly say that the China Navigation Company did not make a single farthing out of the dismissal.

It needed no argument of his to establish in the Court that there was a duty which shipowners had and that was that they must be assured of the fitness of the officers in charge of their ships. It was a most responsible duty, and if shipowners did not carry it out the result would be disastrous, in the case of a public who travelled on the ships, in the case of the valuable cargoes carried, and also in the case of the ships themselves. If they employed a man about whom there was some doubt, it might mean loss of life and other things, and it would increase their responsibility a tremendous amount in respect of claims by the public.

ACUTE VISION NECESSARY.

Of all the qualifications which should be part of the equipment of a ship's officer, perfect sight was perhaps the most important. He would say that an officer in charge of a ship should be a man who, at the earliest possible moment, would be able to appreciate the position, distance and nature of objects external to his ship, and that under all sorts of weather conditions, whether in the glare of a tropical sun, in the face of a typhoon wind or in rain or snow. He must possess acute vision.

Plaintiff himself did not suggest that a person with other than good eyesight could be expected to be retained in the service of a decent shipping company, and the only way shipping companies could ensure that their officers had the necessary acuteness of vision was by employing competent medical men to carry out tests.

He would put it this way. If a company had chosen a firm of medical men, with the standing of Messrs. Harston, Morrison, Black, and Balean, as they had, and their medical advisers informed them that a man in the employ of the Company was not fit to take charge of a ship's bridge, that statement justified the Company in giving the man notice. For not following this, if an accident were to ensue, what possible defence could be put up to face the numerous actions which would follow?

Continuing, Mr. Potter said that no aspersion has been cast on Mr. Kettlewell, and he felt sure none could be thrown at the China Navigation Company. If the Company's doctor's report was wrong then they would have to bear the brunt, but no reasonable people could have acted other than they did.

Mr. Potter went on to relate the details of the case, and pointed out that Dr. Morrison had not the slightest reason for desiring that an adverse report should go to the Company in respect of Mr. Kettlewell. As far as it was possible for Counsel for the defendant Company to do, he sympathised with the plaintiff, but "hard cases made bad law," and they had to take contracts as they found them.

One of the points of the test given by Dr. Morrison was that plaintiff could at 20 feet, only partly read a line, which, with normal vision, should be read at 40 feet. If that was correct, was Capt. Kettlewell fit to take charge of a ship's bridge? Evidence showed that binocular tests were utterly useless, and they must remember that the Board of Trade examination was a binocular test. Even a man with one blind eye might pass the Board of Trade test.

With regard to the evidence of Dr. Bellios, that gentleman himself admitted that if the facts of the test were as Dr. Morrison found them, then he would say that the person was not fit to take charge of a ship's bridge. Then there was the question of glasses. A ship's officer wearing glasses the face of rain could not carry out his difficult task, even if they were weak sun glasses. Every golfer who had played in the rain, and wore glasses, would be able to appreciate that. He did not think anyone would suggest that a ship's officer should be entitled to wear glasses.

Mr. Potter then referred to the words "illness and ill health" which appeared in the contract and also spoke of implied terms in a contract, quoting "Commercial Cases" and other books of law, and said that Mr. Potter had not concluded his address for the defendant Company, when His Lordship adjourned the case until 10.30 this morning.

"A FOOLISH PRANK."
MAN AND WOMAN CHANGE TROUSERS.

When two Chinese appeared before the Chief Justice (Sir Henry Gollan) at the Criminal Sessions yesterday morning, charged with intimidating a woman in brothel at Sham Shui Po, it was alleged that they took her into a room, and while one held her, the other removed her bracelets and jewellery.

Mr. H. K. Holmes, Crown Solicitor, who prosecuted said the whole matter appeared to be rather a foolish prank.

Mr. F. C. Jenkins, who appeared for defendants, who pleaded "guilty," said the whole matter was really a "rag." His Hampstead Heath, when a man and woman were charged with a case of intimidation they changed hats. Here, however, first prisoner seemed to have altered the procedure and changed nether garments instead. As a matter of fact the man was standing before them in a pair of ladies' trousers. They had changed trousers at tiffin time, so His Lordship could imagine the genial relations which existed between them.

His Lordship, on learning that the prisoners had been in prison for two months, said he did not regard this as an ordinary criminal case, and would sentence them to one day's imprisonment, which meant that they could be released.

DISTRICT COURT MARTIAL.
TROUBLE OVER A PLATE.

At a District Court Martial held at the Murray Barracks yesterday, Private John Simpson, East Surrey Regiment, who pleaded not guilty, was charged with striking Lieut.-Colonel F. Bayard, of the same regiment. Major J. F. Drake, East Surrey Regiment, was the President, Lieut. P. H. Drake-Brockman acted as "Prisoner's Friend," and Lieut. A. E. Cottam prosecuted.

Lieut.-Colonel Bayard told the Court that while he was washing his plate after dinner prisoner came up and a quarrel took place between them as to who should wash first. Prisoner maintained that he got there first, and eventually in a struggle witness's plate was broken.

Subsequently, it was alleged, prisoner assumed a fighting attitude and struck Lieut.-Colonel Bayard on the chin. Lieut.-Colonel Bayard came up at this point and seized prisoner.

The finding of the Court will be promulgated in due course.

THE WARFARE IN CANTON.

OCCUPATION OF SWATOW BY PRO-SUN TROOPS.

Military Headquarters at Canton have authorised the announcement that a section of the Government Forces, under General Hsu Chai, entered Swatow and effected a peaceful occupation on Saturday, the 7th inst.

The *Union Gazette* adds:—Chen Ching Ming, the rebel leader, and all his military and civil officials have fled. Our troops were welcomed by the merchants and gentry and their peaceful entry was marked by popular rejoicing. The panic which has prevailed during the past ten days has subsided. A Government proclamation assures the people that peace and order will be maintained, and that complete confidence may be reposed in the decorous conduct and discipline of the Government troops.

WAICHOV OFFERS TO SURRENDER.

Military Headquarters report that the siege of Waichow city will be raised shortly with the surrender of the rebel troops now quartered within. A delegation of the gentry of the city has been sent by the rebel leader to interview the Commander of the Government forces besieging the city. Recognising the futility of further resistance, and the disastrous consequences of active military operations by the Government troops, the rebels have offered to surrender upon certain terms. The Commander of the Government troops has transmitted the terms to General Hsu Chung (the Commander-in-Chief of the Government forces, for decision.

BURGLARIES ON SHAMEEN.
SIR JAMES JAMIESON'S LOSS.

Many cases of burglary on the Shameen have occurred recently, says the *Union Gazette*. At night on the 5th inst. thieves broke into the residence of Sir James Jamieson, the British Consul-General, and carried away a whole set of silver-ware in the dining-room. Nearly all Sir James' jewellery was also stolen, including cherished mementoes of his younger, and more athletic days. The theft was discovered only on the following morning and the Shameen Municipal Police were at once notified. The total loss is estimated at over \$1,000.

OTHER BURGLARIES.

Several other burglaries have been reported to the Shameen Police. One occurred at the residence of Messrs. Dodwell & Co. where a big silver vase, valued at \$80, was reported missing; another occurred at the residence of the Assistant Manager of Messrs. Deacon & Co. where silverware amounting to over a hundred dollars was also reported missing. No arrest has been effected.

GODOWN BURGLARY.

It is also reported that a burglary occurred at the godown of Messrs. Barretto & Co., Shameen. A large consignment of patent medicines and morphia pills amounting to \$3,000 were reported missing.

BANK ROBBERY.

During business hours last week, a thief entered the premises of the Bank of Taiwan at Shameen, and snatched away a bundle of bank-notes (amounting to \$500) from the counter, right in front of a shroff. An outcry was raised but the thief ran off and eluded his pursuers. There is a general feeling of apprehension among the residents and business community of Shameen, and this feeling amounts almost to a mild panic among the Foreign ladies.

In addition to the British Consulate burglary reported above, a robbery at the American Consulate was also reported to the Shameen Police some weeks ago.

POLICE COURT ITEMS.

A 16-year-old Chinese tailor who was charged with the larceny of a Singer Sewing machine was ordered twelve strokes of the cane, by Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday.

Before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday, two Japanese, a man and woman, were remanded until to-day, on a charge of having in their possession 2 revolvers and 200 rounds of ammunition. Defendants were arrested on the 10th inst. The man is an officer on the *Hakone Maru*.

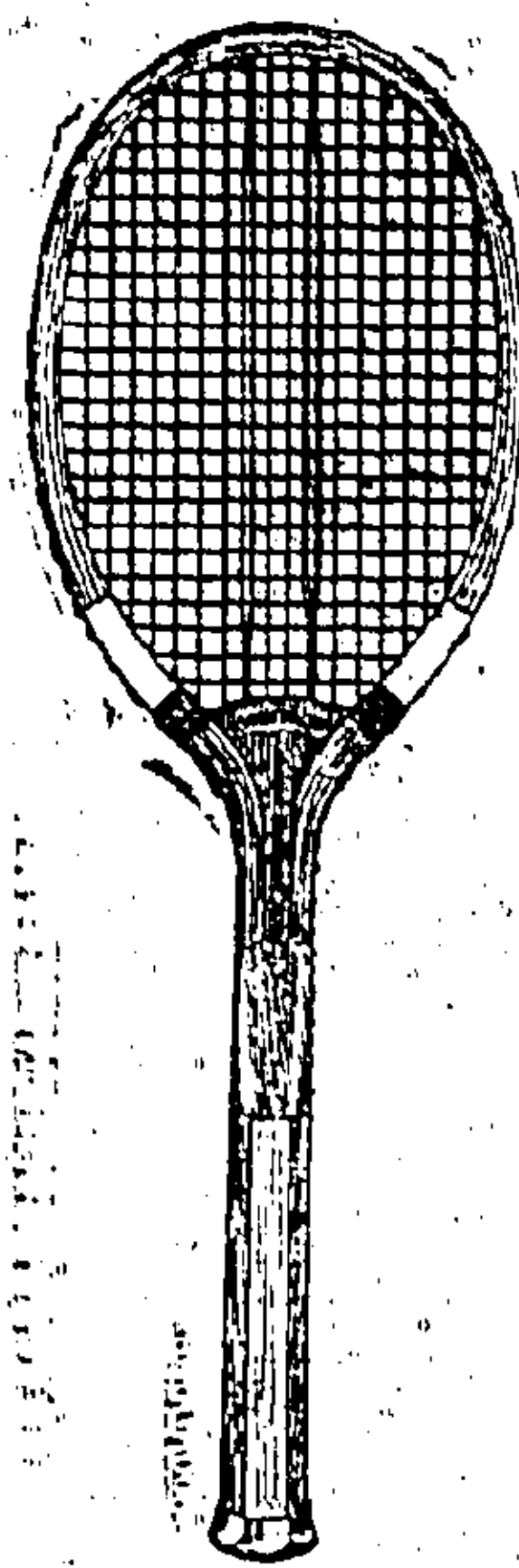
A Chinese who was arrested coming off the s.s. *Leung Kwang* on Tuesday, with 72 lbs of opium strapped around his arms and legs with rubber bands, was charged before Mr. J. B. Wood at the Central Magistracy yesterday and sentenced to nine months' hard labour. It is a curious coincidence that this is the second case of the kind that has come before the court the past week. The circumstances, in both cases were identical, the other man also being arrested as he left a vessel, with the same amount of opium concealed on him in the same manner.

At the Marine Court yesterday, before Lieut.-Colonel G. F. Holo, R.N., two boat mistresses were charged with lying alongside the s.s. *Kui King*, on the outside of five other boats. They were fined \$5 each.

DANGER TO NAVIGATION.

The Master of the s.s. *Kwang Lee* reported to the Harbour Office on Tuesday that at 3 p.m. on March 9th, in Lat. 22.21 N. Long 114.45 E. he observed a water-logged fishing boat, flush with the water, no masts. From this position Single Island bears N.W. by W. (Mag.) 5 miles.

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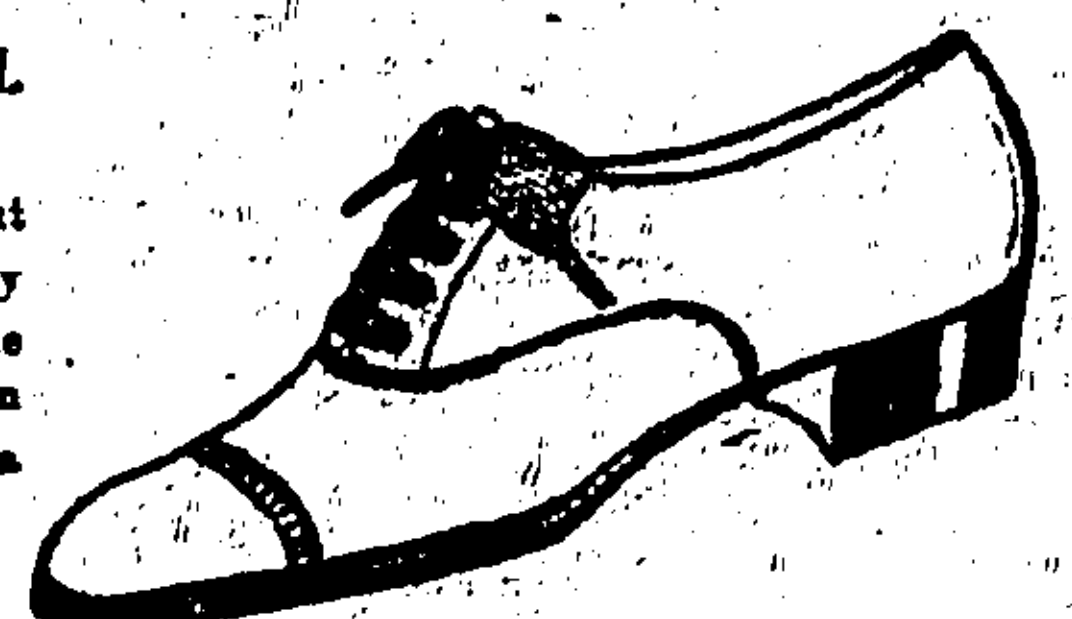
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the Office of the Company, 2 Queen's Buildings, Hongkong, on MONDAY, the 30th MARCH, 1925, at 11 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1924.

The SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 20th to the 30th MARCH, 1925, (both days inclusive).

By Order of the Board of Directors,
R. M. DYER, General Manager.
Hongkong, 12th March, 1925. [1976]

CHINA SUGAR REFINING CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE.

THE FORTY SEVENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company will be held at the Office of the General Agents, PRINCE STREET, on TUESDAY, the 31st MARCH, 1925, at 11 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1924.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 17th to the 31st MARCH, 1925, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD., General Agents.
Hongkong, 11th March, 1925. [1975]

UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the UNION INSURANCE SOCIETY OF CANTON, LIMITED, will be held at the Head Office of the Society, Union Building, Hongkong, on THURSDAY, the 19th day of MARCH, 1925, at 12 o'clock Noon, when the proposed Resolution will be proposed as an Ordinary Resolution, viz:—

"That out of the Unimpaired Capital of the Society there be issued 25,000 Shares of £10 each credited as paid-up to the extent of £250,000 for the purpose of increasing the Capital of the Society and in all other respects *pari passu* with the Shares of the Society already issued; and that the said additional Shares shall so far as shall be necessary for the purpose be allotted to those Shareholders of the Yangtze Insurance Association, Limited, who have accepted or shall accept the offer of the Society made to them on the 3rd day of December, 1924 (being an offer to acquire Shares in the Association on the basis of the allotment of Six Shares in the Society in exchange for Six Shares in the Association); and that the balance (if any) of the said additional Shares may be allotted and disposed of by the Society's Board of Directors in such manner as such Board shall think most beneficial to the Society."

Dated the 5th day of March, 1925.
By Order of the Board,
PAUL LAUDER, General Manager.
[1973]

LENTEN MISSION AT THE CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL.

THE REV. FATHER M. J. MCNEAL, S.J., of the CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF TOKYO, JAPAN, will give a LENTEN MISSION at the CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL, COMMENCING WEDNESDAY, 18th MARCH to WEDNESDAY, MARCH the 25th.

The Mission will begin Every Day at 6 p.m., but on SUNDAY, MARCH the 22nd, it will commence at 4.30 p.m.

All Catholics are cordially invited to attend.
[1974]

BRITISH CONCESSION, TIENTSIN.

THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL is prepared to receive Applications for the Post of OUTDOOR ASSISTANT in the Public Works Department. Candidates must have Knowledge of Mechanical Engineering. Commencing Salary—Twelve 250 per Month.

The Council have a Vacancy also for an ASSISTANT ENGINEER. Candidates must have a Degree of Applied Science or the Equivalent (Qualifications). Commencing Salary—Twelve 400 per Month.

Applications in Both Cases should state Age, Nationality whether Married, and Previous Experience.

Copies of References are Required.

Applications must be received here Not Later Than 31st MARCH. Addressed to—
SECRETARY,
BRITISH MUNICIPALITY, TIENTSIN.
[1972]

BILLIARD CHAMPIONSHIP OF THE COLONY.

ENTRIES for the above CLOSE on MONDAY MARCH, 16th 1925. Entrance Fee (\$2) should be forwarded to
HON. SEC.
VICTORIA RECREATION CLUB.
[1971]

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FORTIETH ANNUAL ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Company (since its registration) will be held at the Hongkong Hotel, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 21st MARCH, 1925, at 11 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st October, 1924.

The REGISTER OF SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 16th day of March, to MONDAY, the 23rd day of March, 1925, both days inclusive, during which period No Transfer of Shares can be registered.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & CO., General Managers.
Hongkong, 10th March, 1925. [1969]

INTIMATIONS

TENDERS are invited for the Supply of Labour and Lighterage for Admiralty Coaling for a Period of 12 Months certain from the 1st APRIL, 1925.

Forms for Tendering can be obtained on Application to the NAVAL STORES OFFICER, H.M. NAVAL YARD, Hongkong, and Tenders should be lodged in the Naval Stores Office Not Later Than Noon on WEDNESDAY, 18th MARCH, 1925.

A Deposit of One Hundred Dollars will be required from Persons tendering, and will be returned in the event of Non-acceptance of the Tender.

H.M. NAVAL YARD, Hongkong. [1966]

SEALED TENDERS will be received at the R.N. HOSPITAL until 10 a.m., on the 20th MARCH, 1925, from Persons desirous of Supplying Beef, Mutton, Pork, Bread, Cheese, Pure Cow's Milk, Aerated Waters, Ice, and other Provisions, and necessaries for the year ending 31st March, 1926.

Printed Forms of Tender and further particulars can be obtained at the R.N. HOSPITAL. The right to reject the Lowest or any Tender is reserved.

W. H. BURNISTON, Surgeon Captain, R.N.
R.N. HOSPITAL, Hongkong, 11th March, 1925. [1963]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, on TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY and THURSDAY, the 24th, 25th and 26th MARCH, 1925, at H.M. NAVAL YARD, Hongkong, and at Kowloon Naval Depot, commencing each day at 9.30 a.m., with an interval from 12 Noon to 2.30 p.m., OLD AND SURPLUS NAVAL STORES, &c., comprising:—

Mosley Chests, Spring Balances, Galvanized Tubing, Dinghies, Whalers, Gigs, Balsa Rafts, Boats' Sails, Electrical and Wireless Telegraphy Fittings, Carbons, Electric Cable Coasting Stoves, Ships, Fittings and Fire-arms Gear, Iron Bed Mattresses and Fittings, Life Rafts, Belts, Carpets, Bungs, Mats, Table Covers, Blankets, Counterpanes, Curtains, Overcoats, Canvas, India Rubber and Metallic Hoses and Tubing, Old Cordage, Canvas Bags, Old India Rubber, Old Leather, Old Woolen and Linen Bags, Old Asbestos, Old Paint Drums, Old Cork, Canvas Guttings, Old Lead Battery Plates, and Zinc, Copper & Brass Tubes, Coal Sacks, Brown Jars, Wood and Iron Blocks, Lamps and Fittings, Gauges, Steel Tubes, Old Steel Wire Rope, Dirty Mineral Oil, Anchors, Chain Cable and Gear, Drilling and Grinding Machines, Lathes, Steel Girders, Davies, Pinnaces, Cutter and Dynamo Engines, Tables, Compasses, Bimboles, Logs, Clocks, Iron Drums, Old Packing Cases, Packing Boards, Old Casks, Rigging Chains, Buoys, Wire Brushes, Glass Tubes, Side Scuttles, Baths, Anvils, Forges, Vices, Miscellaneous Tools, Ironmongery, Pneumatic Drills, Filters, &c., &c.

Lots may be inspected on MONDAY, the 23rd MARCH, 1925.

ALSO SALE OF OLD AND SURPLUS VICTUALLING STORES AT KOWLOON ON FRIDAY, 27th MARCH, comprising:—Table Linen, Implements, Serge, Flannel, &c., Remnants, Blankets, Sundry Articles of Mess and Table Gear, (including Electro-Plated Ware), Clothing, Condensed Provisions for Poultry Feeding, &c.

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LAMBERT BROTHERS, By Appointment Auctioneers to the Admiralty.
Hongkong, 5th March, 1925. [1970]

"GLEN" LINE, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM UNITED KINGDOM AND STRAITS.

THE Motor Vessel "GLENOGLE" having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless Notice to the contrary be given before 6th instant.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 12th instant, will be subject to Rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 22nd inst., and all Claims against the Godowns must be presented on or before the 12th inst., at 10 a.m., by our Surveyors, Messrs. GODDARD & DOUGLAS.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by DODWELL & CO., LTD., Agents.
Hongkong, 5th March, 1925. [1957]

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THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRTY-SIXTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING will be held at the Company's Office, P. & O. BUILDINGS, on SATURDAY, 14th MARCH, 1925, at 11 a.m., for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1924, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 2nd MARCH, to 14th MARCH, 1925, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD., Agents.
Hongkong, 25th February, 1925. [1916]

THE HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FIFTY-SIXTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of the Undersigned on FRIDAY, the 27th MARCH, 1925, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1924.

The SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 13th to the 27th MARCH, 1925, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD., General Agents.
HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LTD.
Hongkong, 7th March, 1925. [1958]

THE YANGTZE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION, LIMITED.

APPLICATION has been made to the Directors of this Company to issue to CHU KWONG LAN of 312, Des Vaux Road Central, Hongkong, a Duplicate Certificate for Eight Shares in the Company or other Certificate or Certificates in lieu thereof, upon the statement that the Original Certificate No. 4444 and dated Thirtieth day of November, 1907, for Shares numbered 1433 to 1439, both inclusive, and 7103 has been LOST or DESTROYED; and Notice is hereby given that if within Thirty Days from the Date hereof No Claim or representation in respect of such Original Certificate is made to the Directors, they will then proceed to deal with such application for a Duplicate or other new Certificate or Certificates.

Dated, Shanghai, 27th February, 1925.
T. A. CLARK, Secretary and Manager.
[1953]

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T. A. CLARK, Secretary and Manager.
[1953]

TO LET.

STORAGE SPACE on Marine Lots with Godowns and Chinese Houses TO LET.
W. S. BAILEY & CO., LTD., Kowloon Bv.
[1959]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

The Steamship "WRAY CASTLE."

FROM NEW YORK & NEWPORT NEWS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., at Kowloon, whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless Notice to the contrary be given before 6th instant.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 12th instant, will be subject to Rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 22nd inst., and all Claims against the Godowns must be presented on or before the 12th inst., at 10 a.m., by our Surveyors, Messrs. GODDARD & DOUGLAS.

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Hongkong, 5th March, 1925. [1957]

THE BEN LINE STEAMERS, LTD.

FROM MIDDLESBRO', ANTWERP, LONDON AND STRAITS.

The Steamship "BENDORAN."

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., whence and/or from the wharves, delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 16th inst., will be subject to Rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before 30th inst., or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 16th inst., at 10 a.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD., Agents.
Hongkong, 16th March, 1925. [1964]

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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, MARCH 12th, 1925.

FOREIGN POLICY IN CHINA.

The Soviet leaders in Russia seem to get peculiarly distorted views of the attitude of other Foreign Powers in China. Reviewing the world situation, from the Soviet standpoint, the other day M. CHICHERIN told the Soviet Central Executive Committee that "there was a certain breach in Anglo-American relations, notably due to the new direction of 'American policy in China,' which aimed at acquiring the sympathies of the Chinese people and had departed from the policy of the other Powers."

We doubt if any one in China has been able to perceive that a "new direction" has been given to American policy in China, and we were unaware that the policy of the other Powers aims at anything to the detriment or disadvantage of the people of China. The Powers' interests are clearly defined in Treaties and Agreements bearing China's signature, and if there has been frequent occasion to make representations to the Government concerning the violation of these pledges, the Powers, by their action, are but helping China to preserve for herself the world's respect and confidence.

All the Powers are mutually pledged to respect the territorial integrity of China, and if they are each seeking to promote their own economic interests they are at the same time and pre-eminently assisting the progress and economic development of China. M. CHICHERIN's allusion to the "new direction" of American policy in China is doubtless intended to suggest that the retirement of Mr. C. E. HUGHES from the post of Secretary of State at Washington results inevitably in "a new direction" being given to American policy in China. Mr. HUGHES has long been the *littre noir* of the Soviet Government at Moscow, not so much because of any marked feature of his policy in China, but because of his general attitude towards Soviet Russia. Indeed, there has been nothing in American policy in China during the

CORRESPONDENCE.

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO.

[TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG DAILY PRESS."]

SIR,—One outstanding fact emerges from this correspondence. It is the public admission that Mr. Robert G. Hughes "is well-known for his generosity, to, and considerate treatment of, his employees." This being the case, shareholders may well rely on his mature judgement for that "considerate treatment" of the staff which the heads of many more firms in Hongkong might do well to emulate. There is too much of the differential treatment and unfair discrimination which do not tend to the smooth and harmonious working of public companies in the general interests of shareholders. The bonus system of salaries is an elastic one and, if the current year should be a "fat" one, shareholders will not begrudge the staff any adequate compensation to make up for the bonus passed over in respect of the year 1924.

I just wish to recall to "Fairplay" the action of certain shareholders in regard to the Rope Company. It will be remembered that the Chairman at the last Annual Meeting said: "Since issuing our report we have been approached by the representatives of a large number of shareholders who felt that some further consideration was due to shareholders and they thought we might declare a bonus." The bonus was accordingly proposed and passed. Here there is a case in point where the Directors had to depend upon the whim of certain shareholders to secure a bonus for themselves. What is sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander. If shareholders could clamour for a bonus for themselves they could with equal zeal obtain one for the staff were they in real earnest about it.

Hongkong being dependent upon neighbouring countries for the supply of raw material for its industries, it resolves itself into a matter of policy to what extent and under what conditions manufacturing firms should provide their companies against the risk of a shortage of supplies. It is at all times wiser to err on the side of safety, rather than buy from hand to mouth when the source of supply might, through certain unforeseen contingency, become more or less precarious. Yours faithfully,

J. P. BRAGA,
14, Chater Road, Hongkong,
March 11th, 1925.

"FRENCH LEAVE."

PERFORMANCE BY A.D.C. IN AID OF CHARITY.

The Hongkong Amateur Dramatic Club gave a performance of "French Leave" at the Theatre Royal last night, the takings being in aid of the Ladies Benevolent Fund.

Last night's performance by the A.D.C. was under the distinguished patronage of H.E. the Governor (Sir Edward Stubbs, K.C.M.G.), H.E. the General Officer Commanding the Town Major General C. C. Leard, C.B., C.M.G., and Commodore A. J. Stirling, C.B.

Although the Theatre was not so full as it might have been, the seats in the dress circle and stalls were well patronised.

The members of the A.D.C. were again well received and gave another creditable rendering of the well-known farce. Except for the inclusion of Mrs. Wade, in the place of Mrs. Bird, in the character of Madame Denaux (Landlady of the farm), the cast was the same as at the previous performances.

Thanks are due to the Committee of the City Hall for foregoing the fee for the Theatre and to Messrs. Lane, Crawford, Ltd., and Messrs. Neale and the Anglo-Swiss Condensed Milk Co., who donated chocolates for sale between the acts.

THE STAR THEATRE.

SIR HARRY LAUDER GIVEN A ROUSING RECEPTION.

Last night every seat in the Star Theatre was taken for the return visit of Sir Harry Lauder, after his trip to the North. He had with him his full London Company, and gave an interesting programme which was enthusiastically received. Sir Harry himself was as refreshing as ever, and his Homelands songs, interspersed with typical humorous sallies, kept the house in roars of laughter. He was repeatedly recalled, and on his final appearance was bade farewell with rousing applause.

The Company supporting him were in excellent form, the house greatly enjoying the dancing and sparkling repartee by Lydia Carne and Jack Kelloway. Miss Pauline Bindley, the Company's soprano, was heard in several popular songs and was deservedly recalled. Harry Moore displayed his great skill in the art of paper tearing, while the Hilo Duo were popular with their quaint and charming Hawaiian songs and dances.

The China and Japan Telephone and Electric Company commenced the work of laying a submarine cable in the new harbour reserve between Hongkong (Blake Pier) and Kowloon (Tsim Sha Tsui Point) yesterday morning. A notice has accordingly been posted in the Harbour Office, warning mariners to give all shipping a wide berth of the lighter anchorage on this work, and observing that engines should be stopped as each vessel approaches and passes the lighter.

CABLES.

LATEST CABLES.
[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

ADMISSION OF GERMANY UNDER DISCUSSION.

GENEVA, March 11th.

The question of Germany's admission to the League of Nations was examined at yesterday's private deliberations of the League Council. It was decided to refer the matter to the full Assembly in September as the only authority competent to deal with the question.

FRENCH FINANCES.

M. LOUCHEUR SAYS BUDGET IS PERFECTLY BALANCED.

PARIS, March 11th.

Interviewed by *Le Journal* about France's financial situation, M. Loucheur, a former Minister, emphasized that the budget is perfectly balanced but the utmost level of taxes has now been reached.

The present involvement of the Treasury is consequent upon the excessive rate of interest which at present prevents launching a loan of consolidation. Therefore, an expectant policy must be followed for several years, during which the Treasury could float foreign loans. M. Loucheur advocated the stabilization of the franc only when prices and wages are reduced, in order to avoid trouble for national production and exports.

CHEAPER TEA.

THE RETAIL PRICE EXPECTED TO FALL.

LONDON, March 11th.

According to the *Westminster Gazette*, the retail price of tea will decrease two pence per pound next week. Thereafter there will be a further decline, owing to the glut on the market and lack of buying.

EARLIER CABLES.

SUSPENSION TERMINATED.
MR. KIRKWOOD REINSTATED IN HOUSE OF COMMONS.

LONDON, March 10th.

The House of Commons has unanimously passed the resolution by Mr. Baldwin terminating Mr. Kirkwood's suspension.

DE VALERA'S REFUTAL.

DENIES ALL KNOWLEDGE OF BELGIAN INVITATION.

DUBLIN, March 10th.

Mr. Eamonn De Valera denies all knowledge of the invitation mentioned in an earlier Brussels message, which states that he was asked to lecture there by the Activists but has been denied entry by the Belgian authorities.

PREMIER OF PRUSSIA.

BERLIN, March 10th.

Herr Marx has been re-elected Premier of Prussia by 232 out of 443 votes.

OBITUARY.

SIR ALEXANDER HOSIE.

LONDON, March 10th.

The death is announced of Sir Alexander Hosie, M.A., LL.D., F.R.G.S., who in the course of a long and busy life did work in China which will prove a lasting memorial to him, was born in 1853. He was educated at the Grammar School, Old Aberdeen, King's College, London, and Aberdeen University. At the age of 23 he became a Student Interpreter in China, and six years later was employed on special service at Chungking. He became 2nd Assistant in 1886, and 1st Assistant in 1891. In 1899 he was Consul at Wuchow, and was appointed Consul-General for the Province of Szechuen in 1902. He held the same post at Tientsin from 1903 to 1912, as well as acting as Commercial Attaché to the British Legation in China between the years 1905 and 1909. In the latter year he officiated as British Delegate to the Shanghai International Opium Commission, and in the following year was appointed personally to investigate the production of opium in China. Sir Alexander, who received his knighthood in 1907, retired from the Consular service in 1912, but from November, 1912, to February, 1920, he served as Special Attaché to the British Legation in the Chinese capital. His publications include "Three Years in Western China," "Manchuria, its People, Resources, and Recent History," and "On the Trail of the Opium Poppy." The latter was published in 1914. Sir Alexander was twice married, his first wife dying in 1905. His second, whom he married in 1913, survives him.

INDIAN REFORMS.

SOME CONFLICTING OPINIONS OF MUDDIMAN COMMITTEE.

BOMBAY, March 10th.

The report of the Muddiman Committee, appointed last year, to enquire into the working of the reforms, is issued in majority and minority reports.

The former observes that insufficient time has elapsed to form an opinion regarding the success of the constitution, but there is no convincing evidence that it has failed. The minority differs in this, and holds that the reforms have been given a fair trial.

The majority report recommends a relaxation of control by the Secretary of State over the Government of India, in cases affecting purely Indian interests; joint deliberation between the two sides of Government on important questions, and the Governor, with minor exceptions, should not dissent from the opinion of Ministers; further recommendations are designed to give more effective hearing to the dissenting minorities whether Ministers or officials or members of the Legislature; it recommends that increased representation be given the depressed classes; and advises revision of the Merston settlement as soon as there is a favourable opportunity.

The minority report demands the disappearance of dyarchy and substitution of provincial autonomy. It hopes that a serious attempt will be made in the near future to put the constitution on a permanent basis, with provisions for further automatic progress.

FOOTBALL AT HOME.

LATEST RESULTS IN SCOTTISH CUP AND LEAGUE.

LONDON, March 10th.

In the Scottish Cup fourth round replay, Celtic and St. Mirren drew, one all, after extra time.

In the Scottish League, Queen's Park lost to Dundee, the latter winning by one goal to nil.

DAVIS CUP TENNIS.

SOUTH AFRICA WITHDRAWS HER ENTRY.

JOHANNESBURG, March 10th.

Owing to the leading players being unavailable, the Lawn Tennis Union has cancelled South Africa's entry for the Davis Cup international lawn tennis competition.

[REUTERS' AMERICAN SERVICE.]
SPAIN ENTERS.

NEW YORK, March 10th.

Spain has challenged for the Davis Cup.

[REUTERS' AMERICAN SERVICE.]
BIG OIL DEAL.

MR. EDWARD L. DOHENY SELLING MEXICO WELLS.

NEW YORK, March 11th.

The New York Times learns that Mr. Edward L. Doheny is negotiating the sale of all his oil properties in Mexico to the Standard Oil Company and the Indiana Blair Company and a certain British interest.

The deal, if consummated, will involve nearly \$125,000,000, and will probably result in the readjustment of the affairs of the Pan-American Petroleum Company by segregating its Mexican from its American properties, with the company confining its activities to the development of the petroleum industry in the United States, especially on the Pacific Coast.

[REUTERS' AMERICAN SERVICE.]
U.S. ATTORNEY-GENERAL.

SENATE REJECTS NOMINATION OF MR. WARREN.

WASHINGTON, March 10th.

After over a month's debate, the Senate by 41 to 39 rejected Mr. Warren's nomination to the Attorney Generalship, which President Coolidge had supported.

A wave of applause swept the galleries when the rejection was announced.

GOLD FOR GERMANY.

NEW YORK, March 10th.

The local Federal Reserve Bank has shipped to Berlin two and a half million dollars gold, as an instalment on the German Government's purchase of fifty millions.

FAR EASTERN CABLE NEWS.

RUSSIAN FACTIONAL FIGHT.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

REDS AND WHITES IN CLASH AT WOOSUNG.

SHANGHAI, March 11th.

The Shanghai Times states that three Russians were seriously wounded as the result of factional fighting between Whites and Reds at Woosung yesterday afternoon.

For 2½ years there have been two small boats, manned by refugee White soldiers from Vladivostok, lying within harbour limits at Woosung. It is reported that yesterday a number of Red partisans went to Woosung and tried to seize the boats. A battle ensued between men aboard and the Red attackers; many shots were fired and it is reported that machine-guns were used to stem the attack of the Reds. One of the ships is stated to have been captured by the attacking party.

ATTEMPTED SOVIET COUP.

LATER.

The fighting among the Russians appears to have been the result of a Soviet coup d'état, which was aimed at splitting up the last remnant of the Far Eastern Cossack group, aboard the two ships *Mongul* and *Okhotsk*, lying in the river here. It is reported in White Russian circles that the coup was inspired by the Soviet.

[FROM "THE DAILY BULLETIN."]
GOLD FRANC QUESTION.

PRESS REPORTS OF SETTLEMENT ARE PREMATURE.

PEKING, March 10th.

The persistent reports which the *Wenwei Po* is publishing to the effect that the gold franc question has been settled are, to say the least, premature.

One report says that Li Shih Hao discussed the matter with Chang Tso Lin during his recent visit to Mukden, proposing a settlement on the basis of payment at the rate existing when the last indemnity money was paid, in 1917, and Chang Tso Lin is reported to have agreed to this, but well-informed persons point out that this solution is unlikely to meet with French approval.

According to another but unconfirmed report, draft proposals have been forwarded to the French Government.

It is believed in many quarters that the matter is virtually settled, but that efforts are being made to find a formula which would "save the face" of the Chinese Government while practically granting the French demands.

LUXURIES IN JAPAN.

BILL OF AMENDMENT TO GO BEFORE DIET.

TOKYO, March 10th.

Amendment of the Luxury Tax has been proposed to the Diet by the Government, and a Bill will be introduced to-day. The Bill proposes to exclude from the Luxury Tax, *inter alia*, soap, perfumed oils, mixed wool-silk, wool-cotton and silk tissues.

MORE COLUMBUS SURRENDER.

NEUVA BOLJA TROUBLE NOW BELIEVED FINISHED.

MANILA, March 10th.

A total of 840 Columbs have surrendered in Neuva Bolja. Many are poor homesteaders seeking food.

Two rebel flags were captured. The trouble is believed to be over.

DR. RAFAEL PALMA.

NEW PRESIDENT OF UNIVERSITY OF THE PHILIPPINES.

MANILA, March 10th.

Dr. Rafael Palma has been appointed President of the University of the Philippines.

POLITICAL SITUATION IN CHINA.

DR. SUN YAT SEN.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

HIS FRIENDS FEAR END IS DRAWING NEAR.

PEKING, March 11th.

Members of Dr. Sun Yat Sen's entourage fear the end is drawing near. Dr. Kiang remained all night long with the patient. His temperature is normal, pulse 130 to 160, respiration 18.

EDUCATING THE MASSES.

LEAD BY THE CIVIL GOVERNOR OF PEKING.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PEKING, March 10th.

Mr. Hsiao Tzu Pi, Civil Governor of Peking, is endeavouring to develop education for the common people of China. Recently he issued invitations to ex-Premier Hsiao Hsi Lin, Mr. Tao Tzu Sheng and many other leading persons who are interested in the promotion of modern education among the masses of China, for a special educational conference.

Mr. Hsiao has established a Ching Tze Educational Hall in the Governor's yamen for this purpose and it will also be used for lectures on the administrative functions and duties of civil officials toward the people.

Ex-Premier Hsiao, Mr. Tao and the magistrates of the twenty-four districts assembled at the Ching Tze Hall last Saturday and lectured to thousands of people about the necessity of educating children whose parents are either too poor or too ignorant to have regard to the importance of education.

Furthermore the Civil Governor has opened a Ping Min Hsiao Hsiao school for common people within his own yamen in Peking. This school will serve as a model for similar institutions in the twenty-four districts of the Shantung Prefecture. The magistrates have been ordered to make it their business to promote education for the poverty-stricken population. The wealthy people can take care of their children without official assistance. Mr. Hsiao has also appointed officials who will give useful lessons to all public employees and servants of the various departments of the Governor's yamen so that they will understand their own duties and refrain from receiving bribes in the performance of their official tasks.

Public servants, who have completed their courses of instruction will be distributed over the 24 districts as tutors with a view to checking corruption and promoting honesty in the Chinese public services.

The new work of the Civil Governor has aroused a great deal of interest among Chinese officials and is strongly supported by the members of the association for the Development of Education for the masses of China in the hope of gradually extending it to other parts of the infant republic.

Ex-Premier Hsiao, in his address, spoke of the progress of the School for Orphans at Hsiang Shan which has been controlled by him since 1917 and he emphasized the importance of educating the Chinese masses, especially the poor children of the rising generation of China.

The meeting was brought to a close by an exhibition of moving pictures depicting the progress of education for the children at Chiaofoo and other cities of Shantung province.

MILITARISTS AND RAILWAYS.

A MEMORANDUM SUBMITTED TO REORGANISATION CONFERENCE.

According to a digest published in the

Chinese Press of a long memorandum which the Minister of Communications has submitted for consideration by the Reorganisation Conference, the total debt of this Department to foreign and native creditors is \$707,000,000, and it is stated that unless effective reforms are introduced without delay these debts cannot be paid.

Another statement in the memorandum, owing to non-payment by militarists of telegraphic charges incurred by them, foreign cable companies have threatened to cease transmitting Chinese messages unless accounts are settled regularly.

In former times, says the published extract, the receipts of the Chiao Tung (Communications) Department were sufficient to meet all requirements and, consequently, there was no default in the repayment of foreign and native loans and debts. In order to prevent the bankruptcy of the Chiao Tung finances, the militarists must refrain from seizing railway receipts and utilizing railway properties as security for loans. There must be no illegal interference on the part of the militarists with the employment of railway officials nor must rolling stock be seized for illegal commercial purposes, nor cars, wagons and engines be forcibly detained. The unlimited issuance of military free passes by the commanders must also cease with a view to increasing the daily receipts of the various lines. Under the pretext of military necessity, commanders have destroyed railway bridges and other works at their sweet will.

On account of the heavy pressure of so-called military and official telegrams, which are despatched before commercial messages, the receipts of the Chinese telegraph administration have decreased considerably so that there is no money available for the payment of material purchased from foreign firms.

CANTON NEWS.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]
"BLACK MONEY."

Official gift, known as "black

money," usually paid to Chinese officials by persons seeking favours from the authorities, is now legalized by the Military Funding Bureau. According to a public notice (inserted in the principal Canton newspapers, this Bureau is calling for tenders for farming out the "Pantan" gambling monopoly in Honan, Tsingyun, and Kongsu Sze. For the island of Honan, opposite Canton City, the Bureau, in addition to asking for \$17,000 in payment for the monopoly or franchise, and \$1,700 daily license fee, also calls for an official gift of \$10,000. For Tsingyun and Kongsu Sze, official gifts of \$3,000 and \$5,000 respectively are called for.

A LOAN BY THE MERCHANTS.

The residue of the Yunnanese forces in

Canton, under the command of their own fellow provincial, General Yang Hsi Min, have succeeded in getting the Cantonese merchants to agree to provide them with \$600,000, without which they said some time ago that they would not fight. The Cantonese authorities on March 8th suggested to the Canton merchants that they should comply with the request for the "loan," and accept from the Yunnanese promissory notes redeemable at the next payment of ordinary taxes.

THE LANDS OF THE BANNERMEN.

The Taijping Yang News Agency learns

that the Kuomintang authorities, up to March 9th, had inspected more than 4,000 deeds of lands owned by Manchurians in Canton, fined more than 600 land owners for late application for inspection, collecting in fines over \$3,000, and declared more than 3,000 properties to be confiscated.

ARBOUR DAY.

Canton school children will celebrate

March 21st as Arbor Day and tree planting will this year be done in the Yellow Flower Hill, outside the ancient East Gate of the City. The Yellow Flower Hill (Wong Fah Kong) contains the tomb of the first 72 heroes of the Chinese Revolution which resulted in the present Republic of China.

VEGETABLE SUPPLIES HELD UP.

It is reported that, because of the

boaters' strike in Kongsu Sze, the Canton strike in Canton against additional war taxes, fruit and vegetable supplies, destined for export to Hongkong and other places, are being held up in nearly all districts or in Canton City itself.

THE BOATMEN'S STRIKE ENDS.

The boatmen's strike in Kongsu Sze

also as a protest against more taxation ended on March 9th, when the authorities there had consented to postpone the operation of the new imposts. During the strike, only one tow-boat of the fleet of more than 20 plying between Kongsu Sze and Canton operated, causing considerable inconvenience.

THE TUCHUNATE SYSTEM.

A GENERAL'S ADVICE TO ABOLISH IT.

General Lu Yung Hsiang, Tupan of

Kiangsu, is reported in the Chinese press to have wired to the Government proposing the abolition of the Tutchun system in Kiangsu, as a practical step towards the reorganization of the Chinese system. Gen. Lu says that unless the abolition of the Tutchun system and the troop-disbandment plans be actually carried out, the result of the Reorganization Conference will be sitting in Peking, will be fruitless and a mere waste of time and money. At the same time, he suggests that General Sun Shuan Fang of Chekiang be instructed to withdraw his troops from the Kiangsu borders so that both provinces may enjoy real peace without fear of armed conflict. All the national troops of Kiangsu, including the Fengtien troops, he says, should be stationed at Hsuehchow, northern Kiangsu, after the abrogation of the Tutchun and receive orders only from the War Ministry, be paid out of the government treasury, and they should not be permitted to interfere in any way in politics. General Lu wishes to retire into private life after the abolition of his post as Tupan at Nanking.

INTERNATIONAL SETTLEMENT.

EXCLUSION OF CHINESE FROM THE SHANGHAI PARKS.

At the meeting at the Central Hall,

Westminster, recently called by the Student Christian Movement, Mr. T. Z. Koo remarked that in the blue Eastern gown which he was then wearing the English in Shanghai would not allow him in their parks or public places. In connection with this statement, Mr. H. E. Sims, a former Chairman of the Municipal Council at Shanghai, writes to *The Times* as follows:—

Shanghai is an International Settlement under Treaties with China for the use of foreigners—i.e., non-Chinese—and the parks and public places are under the control of an International Municipal Council elected by foreign residents, and approved by the Consular Body in Shanghai, and do not belong to the English, nor is the majority of foreign residents in Shanghai British. The Shanghai Municipal Council about two years ago went thoroughly into the question of throwing the parks open to Chinese, and the assistance of the Chinese Advisory Committee was invoked, but no solution could be arrived at without discriminating between classes of Chinese. With the ever-increasing foreign population of Shanghai it becomes more and more a physical difficulty to throw open the limited park space to a population of close on a million of Chinese; therefore, Mr. Koo is not correct in attributing the situation to racial prejudice.

POPULAR ERRORS.

SOME FALLACIES CORRECTED OR DESTROYED.

HOW TO GET DISLIKED.

Of all the ways of getting oneself

disliked, the most infallible is to go about depriving one's fellows of their pet illusions (writes Ward Muir in a London paper). "So when I recommend, as an interesting sideline of study, the subject of Popular Fallacies, I make the proviso that it is a branch of knowledge which should not be paraded. When somebody (for instance) refers to Columbus's discovery of North America, it is well to refrain from pointing out that John Cabot is the true claimant to that honour. John Cabot discovered Newfoundland in 1497. The first land of the New World discovered by Columbus was one of the Bahama Islands; then came Cuba and Haiti (which he called Hispaniola); and it was on his third great voyage, in 1498, that he hit the mainland—not of North but of South America.

ERRONEOUS TRADITIONS.

The wise man may know all this. He

may hold the belief that the Vikings (whose name has nothing to do with King, by-the-by, but means "creek dwellers") cross the Atlantic long before any other Europeans. But he will only get himself hated as a prig if he insists on detroning Columbus.

Tradition is stronger than history. Alfred probably never burnt the cakes. But does it matter? The Colossus of Rhodes was not planted at the entrance to the harbour, it was not a striding statue, and ships never passed beneath it. But the conception is fine. Julius Caesar was not an Emperor of Rome. He was a general, a consul, and a dictator, but never "Emperor." Cleopatra was not Egyptian, but the last of the Ptolemies, who were a Greek dynasty in Egypt. (Ohelio was not a black Moor for two reasons: (1) that Moors are not black, and (2) was a Venetian, and therefore not a Moor at all. Diogenes did not live in a tub. Seneca, 300 years later, merely happened to say that "a man so embroiled ought to have lived in a tub like a dog.")

St. Augustine did not introduce Christianity into England. St. Alban had suffered martyrdom on account of the Christian faith more than two centuries before St. Augustine landed. Dick Turpin did not ride from London to York in 20 hours. This feat was performed by another highwayman; and in any case Black Bess, the horse, was an invention of Harrison Ainsworth.

But though the Press pours forth histories, encyclopedias, and every sort of work of reference, in which the facts about these things can be verified, the mistakes about them persist; for, though Truth is great and will prevail, it is rather slow about it, and meanwhile, as Martin Tupper remarked, Error is a hardy plant.

"BIBLICAL" QUOTATIONS.

Particularly it is hardy in relation

to non-authentic quotations from the best-known and most read book in our community—the Bible. "Spare the rod and spoil the child." "Pouring oil on troubled water." "God tempests the wind to the shorn lamb," and "In the midst of life we are in death" are commonly attributed to the Bible but nowhere in the Bible do they occur. The phrase "To sleep the sleep of the just," is another trap for the unwary; and, indeed, no one seems to know who coined it, unless we are to accept the explanation that it originated (in French, of course) in a passage of Racine's "Port Royal," which makes the more mysterious its universal popularity in colloquial English.

The animal and vegetable worlds are rich in possibilities of easy but mistaken assumptions. Why call Jerusalem artichokes by that name if they do not come, and never did come, from Jerusalem? The misunderstanding is due to our incorrigible habit of mispronouncing foreign languages, for the name is a corruption of the Italian *giacinto* (sunflower), of which the Jerusalem artichoke is a species. Jordan almonds, similarly, have nothing to do with the River Jordan. Their name is merely another awful "bloomer" in the way of anglicising from a strange tongue. "Jordan" originated in the French *Jardin*, garden, and indicated the cultivated almond as opposed to the small fruit of the wild almond.

French beans are not French. They come from South America. "Rosewood" is not the wood of the rose tree. Its name is due to the faint smell of roses in certain Brazilian timber when first cut. The tuberose has nothing to do either with tubers or roses; its botanical name is *Polyanthus tuberosus*, and this has caused the misconception.

PHILOLOGICAL TRAPS.

But, not being nation of philologists,

we shall go on blundering about various elementary facts in natural science, just as we blunder about notorious episodes and characters in history. That excellent bird, the turkey, for example, was not originally imported into this country from Turkey. To London and Bristol the turkey was brought by traders who dealt chiefly with the Near East, and hence were called Turkey merchants, but actually the birds had come from India. (Their name, in French, means *indee* and *indian*; i.e., *from India*.) Even so, the turkey seems to have been introduced into South-west India by the Portuguese. It is really a native of America.

Another bird, the plover, has recently come out in its true colours for many of us, and we no longer venerate it as the producer of plover's eggs. Last spring's agitation against the normal dining of these delicacies was aimed at the preservation of the lapwing. For it is the lapwing (or pewee) which lays "plover's eggs," and is being exterminated by our encroaching appetite. Analogous to this is the case of the osprey, which is a bird of no value to the denier. Osprey's feathers do not come from ospreys, but from the egret, a species of heron.

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MONTE CARLO'S MONOPOLY.

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or so—one hears that roulette is going
to be permitted all along the Riviera.
Just now the tale is being repeated with
insistence. The present Government, it
is declared, favours it. M. Herriot him-
self has expressed his approval. But
whether there is any more truth in the
rumour or not, there has been on
former occasions it is impossible to say.

At present Monte Carlo, in the happy
freedom of the Principality of Monaco,
has a monopoly of both roulette and
treat-et-quarante, while the French
towns—Nice, Cannes, Mentone have to
rely on their chief bait for gamblers on
the melancholy attraction of la boule.
But they also have "private" baccarat
rooms to which one gains admission by
paying a subscription ranging, generally,
from 500 francs for a fortnight to 4000 francs
for the season. Play is sometimes more than
moderately high, and there has been so
great a boom in the popularity of bac-
carat in the last few seasons that it is
hardly an exaggeration to say that the
baccarat room at the Casino de Monte
Carlo is the chief centre of the fashion-
able life of some of the towns. Now, if
all that one hears is true, there is trouble.

Monte Carlo, not content with its mono-
poly of the flashier games, is, for the
second season, providing for baccarat
lovers as well; and the other towns re-
sist it. In retaliation they are pressing
to be permitted to install roulette. What
would, beyond doubt, be best for the
Riviera and for humanity would be to
wipe out the gaming tables altogether.
Monte Carlo is an entrancing spot; the
daintiest and best-managed little city
in the world. But no glamour or sophistry
can conceal the fact that its influence is
flauntly anti-moral. If one could add
up all the misery the Casino has caused
the vice and evil passions it has
encouraged—it would make a melancholy
task. And each year, with increasing
crowds, the scene in the rooms grows
more squalid, the atmosphere more foul,
and the bad influence more widespread.
With the powerful interests involved and
human nature what it is, there is little
chance of the Casino being abolished from
inside; but what a lovely opportunity it
offers to one benevolent millionaire!

A MILLIONAIRE'S OPPORTUNITY.

It is solely a question of money. If a
Roulette player, a Henry Ford, were to
endow the Principality with an income
larger than it can draw from the gaming
tables the thing would be done. Then
one can imagine another and more en-
chanting Monte Carlo, with all—and more
than all—its present prettiness and gaiety
and sunshine, the Casino converted into
a Temple of the Muses, with the best
music, the best drama, the best films and
dancing floors in Europe, and white lambs,
perhaps, with blue ribbons, frisking on
the turf and pigeons, where there would
be no more slaughtering of birds. It
ought to be the permanent home of the
League of Nations, the happy centre of
peace for all the world.

Putting this bright dream aside, how-
ever, one fears that what the other towns
object to in Monte Carlo is not its
wickedness, nor the money that it makes.
They would like to be a little more wicked
on the same terms. What irks them is
that every day the trains (not to speak
of trams and automobiles) roll into Monte
Carlo packed with worthy citizens of Nice,
Cannes, and Mentone, each with some
considerable portion of his week's or
month's wages in his pocket. The very
corridors are crowded as full as they can
hold. And each evening the trains roll
back again, just as crowded; but much
of those hard-earned wages have been
left behind. Some, of course, of the
travellers have made money. But, in the
mass, about one thirty-sixth part of all
the francs that go into Monte Carlo daily
stay there; and it is said that it is this
unending crowd of modest punters who
furnish the backbone of the Casino's
wealth. They are more precious than the
rich visitors whose spectacular perform-
ances one hears so much about.

It is only reasonable that the other
towns should wish to see all that good
money spent at home. La boule is hope-
less as a counter-attraction to roulette.
There is a good deal more to be hoped
from baccarat; and now that Monte Carlo
offers baccarat also, the other towns are
angered and clamour, more loudly than
ever, to be allowed roulette. They even
argue that it is better that vice should
be spread thinly over a larger area than
that it should be all concentrated in one
sink. At least it might have the advan-
tage of making the atmosphere in the
Monte Carlo rooms less loathsome than
it is at present.—Times.

GILDED CLERK.

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It was disclosed during the hearing of
an appeal in the House of Lords that in
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that the whole of the remuneration paid
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clerk who represented them at Lloyd's for
the purpose of accepting marine risks
should be deducted in arriving at their
assessable profits for excess profits duty.

The inland Revenue Commissioners con-
tended that the clerk was concerned in
the management of the business, and their
lordships upheld that view.

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with a quarter of the commission earned
by the firm up to £5,000, and a half of
the balance. Under this arrangement he
received £4,711 in 1913; £10,233 in 1914;
£10,240 in 1915; £20,435 in 1916; £103,719
in 1917; and £141,150 in 1918.

I am more proud of my smattering of
knowledge of many subjects than of the
more thorough knowledge I have of one
particular subject.—Mr. W. W. Vaughan.

WEATHER REPORT.

March 11th at 17.50.—Pressure has decreased
considerably over N.E. Japan and slightly
from S.W. Japan to Shanghai. It is nearly
stationary elsewhere.

A wedge of high pressure extends from S.
China to the Honing. The depression has deepened. It is now
north of Tokio.

Moderate to fresh monsoon may be expected
along the S.E. coast of China and over the
China Sea.

Hongkong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at
18 hours, March 11th 0.00 inch. Total since
January 1st, 4.72 inches, against an average
of 3.8 inches.

The forecast for the 24 hours ending at 18
hours, March 12th is as follows:—

District Forecast
Hongkong to Gap Rock N.E. winds, mod-
erate fine to cloudy.

Formosa: Channel
South coast of China between
Hongkong and Lamocka do.
South coast of China between
Hongkong and Hainan do.

HONGKONG METEOROLOGICAL
REGISTER.

Barometer	Hongkong Observatory, March 11th.		
	Previous Day at 2 p.m.	On Date at 6 a.m.	On Date at 2 p.m.
Barometer	30.00	30.02	30.00
Temperature	73°	81°	73°
Humidity	71	82	77
Wind Direction	WNW	W	E
Force	3	0	2
Weather	B	o	B
Rain	0.00	0.00	0.00

Highest open-air Temperature on 11th ... 73°
Lowest open-air Temperature on 11th ... 62°

HONGKONG TIDE TABLE

From March 12th to 15th, 1925.

Day of Week	Days of Month	High Water		Low Water	
		H.K. Standard Time	Height	H.K. Standard Time	Height
Thurs.	12	h. m.	ft. in.	h. m.	ft. in.
		10 28	5 3	4 30	1 3
Fri.	13	10 28	5 7	4 20	1 0
		11 12	5 6	5 8	1 6
Satur.	14	11 11	6 3	5 9	1 9
		11 30	5 7	5 42	2 0
Sun.	15	0 2	5 6	6 19	1 5
		0 4	5 8	7 3	0 0
Mon.	16	1 6	4 9	6 59	0 9
		0 51	5 9	8 13	1 1
Tues.	17	2 41	4 3	7 44	0 3
		1 57	5 9	9 51	2 0
Wed.	18	3 11	4 0	8 40	3 6
		3 27	6 0	11 21	1 8

SHIPPING MOVEMENTS.

The N.Y.K. s.s. *Sado Maru* (Calcutta passenger line), left Kobe for Hongkong and Moji on March 11th, and is expected to arrive here on March 19th.

The N.Y.K. s.s. *Tanaka Maru* (Bombay passenger line), left Singapore for Hongkong on March 10th, and is expected to arrive here on March 16th.

The Admiral Oriental liner, *President Madison*, which is due at this port on March 24th, sailed from Seattle on March 4th, on schedule.

The R.M.S. *Empress of Asia* arrived at Nagasaki on March 10th at 2 p.m., left Nagasaki on the 11th at 4 a.m., and is due at Kobe to-day (12th inst.) at 6 a.m.

VESSELS EXPECTED.

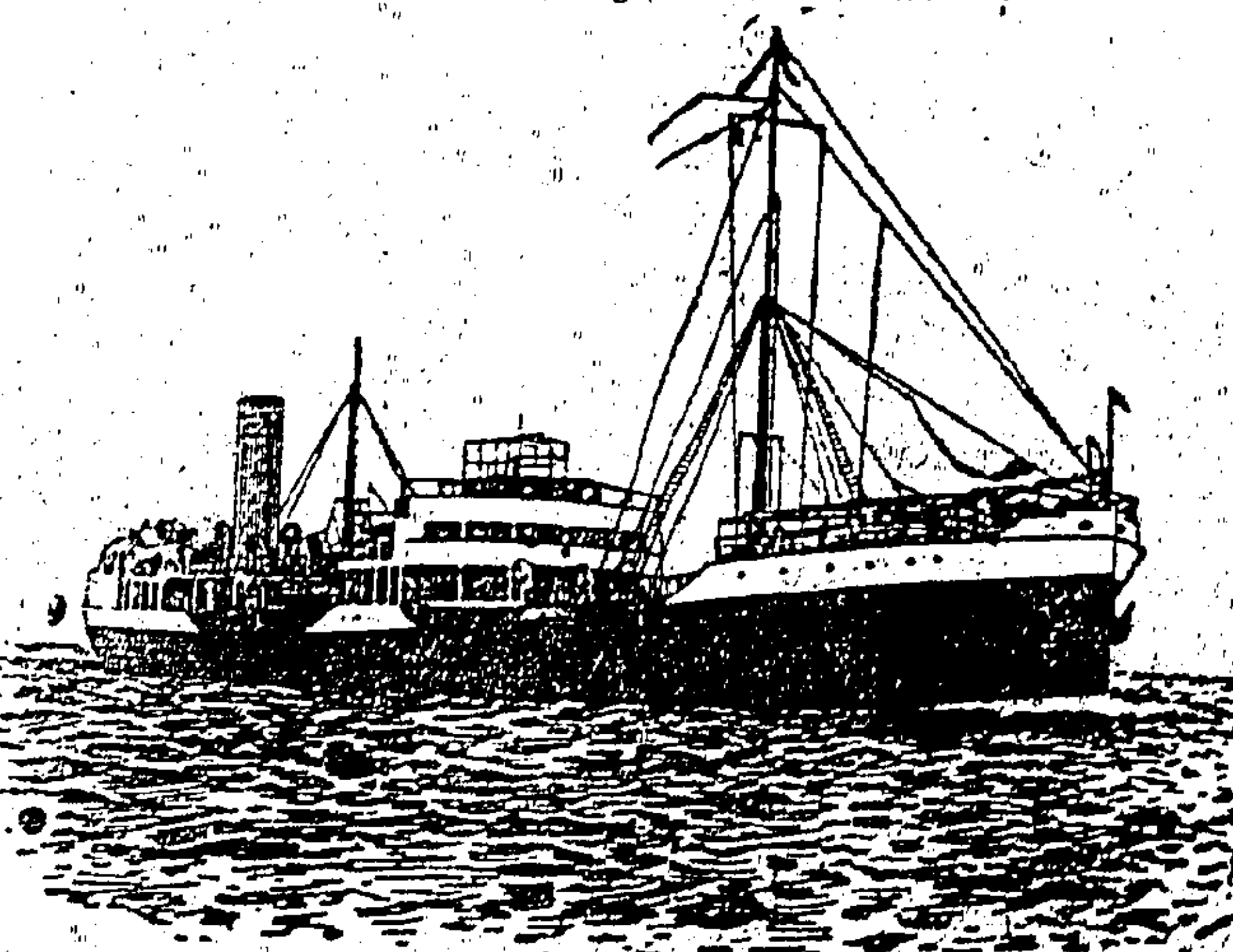
Empress of Russia (C.P.R.), due March 25th.
Hector (Blue Funnel), due March 30th.
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SANDAKAN	"HINSANG"	Tuesday	17th Mar. Noon
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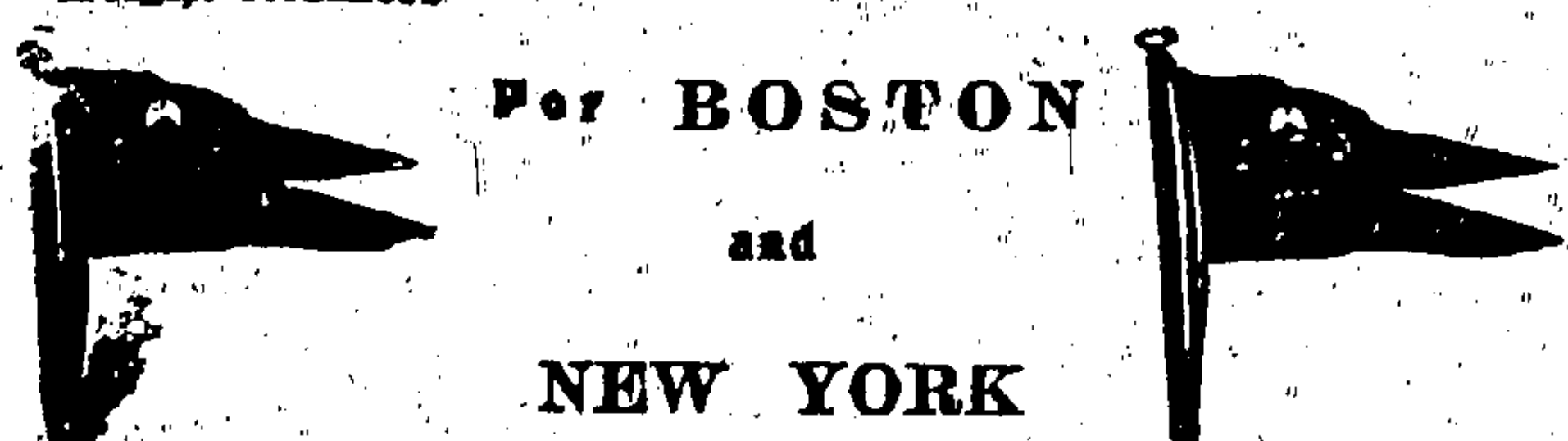
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"MIRZAPUR"	6,715	26th Mar.	Singapore & Bombay.
"SICILIA"	4,813	1st Apr.	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & B'way.
"MANTUA"	10,902	4th Apr.	Marseilles & London.
"KARMA"	9,128	18th Apr.	Mars. L'bon. & A'werp.
"MACEDONIA"	11,089	2nd May	Marseilles & London.
"SARDINIA"	8,854	18th May	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & B'way.
"NAGOYA"	6,854	26th May	Marseilles & London.
"SOUDAN"	6,856	28th May	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & B'way.
"MOHRA"	10,911	30th May	Marseilles & London.
"SICILIA"	4,813	9th June	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & B'way.
"KALYAN"	8,744	13th June	Mars. London & Antwerp.
"DELTA"	8,077	23rd June	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & B'way.
"MALWA"	10,941	27th June	Marseilles & London.
"KASHMIR"	8,855	11th July	Mars. London & Antwerp.
"SARDINIA"	8,854	22nd July	S'pore, Penang, Colombo & B'way.
"MANTUA"	10,902	25th July	Marseilles London.
"KASHGAR"	9,005	8th Aug.	Marseilles, London & A'werp.
"MACEDONIA"	11,089	22nd Aug.	Marseilles & London.
"KARMA"	9,128	5th Sept.	Marseilles, London & A'werp.
"NARKUNDA"	18,227	19th Sept.	Marseilles & London.

BRITISH INDIA-APCAR SAILINGS

"TAKIWA"	7,838	18th Mar. 1 p.m.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta
"TAIRA"	7,833	19th Mar.	do.
"TARADA"	6,946	1st Apr.	do.
"TALMA"	10,000	16th Apr.	do.
"TILAWA"	10,006	25th Apr.	do.
"TALAMBA"	8,018	6th May	do.
"TALAMBA"	7,826	18th May	do.
"TAKIWA"	7,833	24th May	do.

EASTERN AND AUSTRALIAN SAILINGS (South)

"ARAFURA"	6,000	1st April	Manila, Sandakan, Thursday Island, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney & Melbourne.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	29th April	do.
"TANDA"	6,358	3rd June	do.
"ARAFURA"	6,000	1st July	do.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	29th July	do.
"TANDA"	6,358	2nd Sept.	do.

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"KARMA"	9,123	21st Mar.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"TALMA"	10,000	28th Mar.	Kobe
"MACEDONIA"	11,089	3rd Apr.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	4th Apr.	Moji & Kobe.
"TILAWA"	10,006	14th Apr.	Kobe
"TALAMBA"	8,018	14th Apr.	Kobe
"SARDINIA"	8,854	17th Apr.	Shanghai Moji & Kobe.
"NAGOYA"	6,854	23rd Apr.	do.
"TAKIWA"	7,833	25th Apr.	Kobe
"MOHRA"	10,911	1st May	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"SOUDAN"	6,856	1st May	do.
"TAIRA"	7,833	2nd May	Kobe
"TANDA"	6,358	9th May	Moji & Kobe.
"KALYAN"	8,744	15th May	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"SICILIA"	4,813	15th May	Shanghai & Kobe.
"MALWA"	10,941	20th May	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"DELTA"	8,077	23rd May	Shanghai & Kobe.
"ARAFURA"	6,000	6th June	Moji & Kobe.
"KASHMIR"	8,855	12th June	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"MANTUA"	10,902	20th June	do.
"SARDINIA"	8,854	28th June	Shanghai & Kobe.
"ST. ALBANS"	4,500	4th July	Moji & Kobe.
"KASHGAR"	9,005	10th July	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe.
"SOUDAN"	6,856	10th July	Shanghai & Kobe.
"MACEDONIA"	11,089	24th July	Shanghai Moji & Kobe.
"KARMA"	9,128	7th Aug.	do.
"SICILIA"	4,813	7th Aug.	Shanghai & Kobe.
"TANDA"	6,358	8th Aug.	Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
"NARKUNDA"	18,227	20th Aug.	Shanghai.
"ARAFURA"	6,000	6th Sept.	Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.

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SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"SHANTUNG"	On 13th Mar.	11 a.m.
WEIHAIWEI, CHEFOO & TIENTSIN	"KURIOHOW"	On 13th Mar.	4 p.m.
HOIHOW & BANGKOK	"KWEIYANG"	On 14th Mar.	11 a.m.
SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO	"KANCHOW"	On 14th Mar.	Noon.
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"SUNNING"	On 15th Mar.	11 a.m.
AMOI & SHANGHAI	"KAYING"	On 15th Mar.	11 a.m.
SWATOW & BANGKOK	"SINKIANG"	On 15th Mar.	5 p.m.
SHANGHAI & TSINGTAO	"KINGCHOW"	On 17th Mar.	11 a.m.
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"SUIYANG"	On 18th Mar.	Noon.
HOIHOW, PAKHOI & HAIPHONG	"TAMING"	On 19th Mar.	11 a.m.
HAIPHONG, HOIHOW & SINGAPORE	"CHINHUA"	On 20th Mar.	10 a.m.
AMOI, SWATOW & SINGAPORE	"KIANGSU"	On 21st Mar.	D.L.

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